



The Unseen Side  
of a  
Dangerous Church  
Matthew 13:16

Blessed are your eyes because they see  
and your ears because they hear.  
(*Matthew 13:16, GWT*)

3 qualities of a safe church:

1. Always strive to keep the members happy.
2. Avoids controversial issues.
3. Guards the status quo.

**Our mission:**  
to bring people into a growing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.

3 unseen qualities of a dangerous church:

1. Pain

"When the world hates you, remember it hated me before it hated you. The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don't. I chose you to come out of the world, and so it hates you."  
(*John 15:18 & 19, NLT*)

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. (*1 Peter 4:1a, NLT*)

We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. (*Hebrews 12:2a, GWT*)



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2. Risk

Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them. Because he was so much stronger than all of them, they ran away from the house naked and hurt. (*Acts 19:16, GWT*)

Willingness to risk is based  
on the potential for return.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. (*Acts 20:35b, NCV*)

3. Loss

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. (*Matthew 16:25, NIV*)

Sacrifice is giving up  
something we love for  
something that we love  
even more.

And as soon as they landed,  
they left everything  
and followed Jesus.  
(*Luke 5:11, NLT*)