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1. If we're Faithful Ones, it WILL impact our relationships with the people closest to us. God spoke to Cornelius and he IMMEDIATELY called his friends and family together to share what he had learned. It was that important. Do we do the same? If not, how can we start?
2. Bringing our faith into our most intimate relationships is risky. It holds us to a higher standard, makes us vulnerable when someone wants to hurt us, forces us to face the uncomfortable realities of sin in the lives of those we love, and tempts us to enable. Andy Stanley refers to this as tension – between the world as we want it as Christians and the world as it is.

But deciding NOT to take the risk and avoiding the tension is worse. When we do, we shirk the mission God has given us. We let those closest to us down spiritually. And we shut them out of what should be the most important part of our lives.

Instead, together, let's take the risk. Let's be heroes. Let's be Faithful Ones (tattoo optional).

FAITHFUL THREE GROUNDED

HEBREWS 10:32-34

Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering.

Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

ACTS 10:23-24, 47-48

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THE RISKS

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2. WE'RE _____
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