

Religion or Relationship?  
Matthew 5:13-16

**Intro**

Religion - \_\_\_\_\_

*Religious for this message* - \_\_\_\_\_

There are risks involved in being religious.

*“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me.  
Amos 5:21-24 (NIV)*

RISK #1:

growing \_\_\_\_\_ to God in \_\_\_\_\_ & in \_\_\_\_\_

RISK #2

insensitivity to \_\_\_\_\_, to their \_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_, and  
their \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 19:1-5

RISK #3

insensitivity to \_\_\_\_\_

If we settle into the comfortable and complacent, we miss out on opportunities to  
share in the work of the kingdom and the spread of the gospel

Relationship - \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion**

If we, as the church and those committed to our faith, recognize the risks involved in with our  
Christian faith and its associated work, it will help us to be more open to the One who helps us  
to overcome.