

## Comfort

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*Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.*

**1 John 2:15 NLT**

### 1. Dangers of chasing earthly comfort

- Spiritual emptiness
- Replacing faith with false security

<sup>14</sup> ... Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. <sup>15</sup> He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NLT**

### 2. You cannot pursue comfort and walk by faith

- God's comfort > earthly comfort
- Embrace divine discomfort
- The best is yet to come - heaven

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. <sup>4</sup> He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. <sup>5</sup> For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NLT**

<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**James 1:2-4 NLT**

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

**Romans 5:3-5 NLT**

<sup>18</sup> Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. <sup>19</sup> For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

**Romans 8:18-19 NLT**

<sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. <sup>26</sup> And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

**Matthew 16:25-26 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- ☐ Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- ☐ Commit to seek God instead of comfort in my life: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Focus on the blessings and comfort I receive from God instead of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Embrace the hard things in life knowing that God will use them to build my faith
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