



Thanks (Giving) Week 1

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WHY DOES COMFORT MATTERS SO MUCH? OUR WORLD IS UNCOMFORTABLE!

DID YOU NOTICE THE BY LINE FOR THE NEW SERIES... IT'S MORE THAN A HOLIDAY...IT'S A LIFESTYLE!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

A LIFESTLYE OF THANKFULNESS...BUT HOW?

HERE IS WHAT I AM LEARNING...IT SOUNDS CRAZY: GET UNCOMFORTABLE!

Mark 8:35 LB Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.

FOLLOWING JESUS IS ALWAYS UNCOMFORTABLE!

Matthew 16:24-26 EEB Then Jesus said, 'A person who wants to come with me must not think about himself. He must decide that his own life is not important. He must be like someone who carries his own cross to go and die...Whoever wants to keep his life safe will lose it. But whoever gives his life to serve me will have true life.

IF THAT WASN'T CLEAR ENOUGH...ONE MORE!

Luke 14:33 MSG "Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple.

TOUGHEST TRUTHS IN SCRIPTURE! ESPECIALLY FOR US AMERICANS!

AMERICANS: MY LIFE...MY PLANS...MY FAMILY... AMERICA FIRST!

THEN JESUS SHOWS UP AND MESSES US ALL UP!

John 17:18-19 MSG In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.

I HEAR YA...BUT WE BETTER LOOK OUT FOR OUR OWN INTERESTS!

1 Corinthians 10:24 GNT None of you should be looking out for your own interests, but for the interests of others.

THIS JESUS THING IS REALLY INCONVIENT!

Philippians 2:3-4 MSG If you've gotten anything at all out of following Jesus, if his love has made any difference in your life...Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

GET READY- THE NEXT STATEMENT WILL MAKE YOU VERY UNCOMFORTABLE...
WHAT IF IT'S NOT ABOUT THE AMERICAN DREAM?

WHAT IF IT'S ABOUT HONORING JESUS AND HELPING OTHERS DREAM?

I CAN'T ADOPT...BUT YOU CAN SPONSOR! WES STAFFORD

If we nurture the dreams of children, the world will be blessed, if we destroy them, the world is doomed."

SPONSORSHIP HELPS A CHILD DREAM!

Psalm 9:18 ERV It may seem that those who are poor and needy have been forgotten, but God will not forget them. He will not leave them without hope.

YOU CAN PROVIDE THAT HOPE