

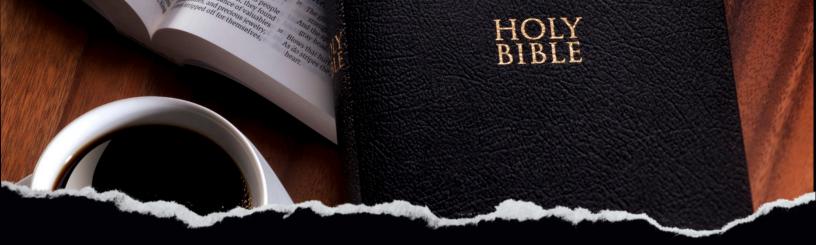
5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

Message: Don't Get Comfortable Series: A MVMNT Summer









DAY 1: STEPPING OUT OF COMFORT

DEVOTIONAL:

When Jesus called His first disciples, they had to leave behind their familiar lives and step into the unknown. This act of faith required them to step out of their comfort zones. Similarly, we are often called to leave behind what is familiar and comfortable to follow Jesus. This can be challenging, but it is necessary for spiritual growth and fulfilling our calling. Jesus did not come to make us comfortable; He came to transform us and confront the areas in our lives that need change.

BIBLE VERSE:

Mark 1:16 "As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him."

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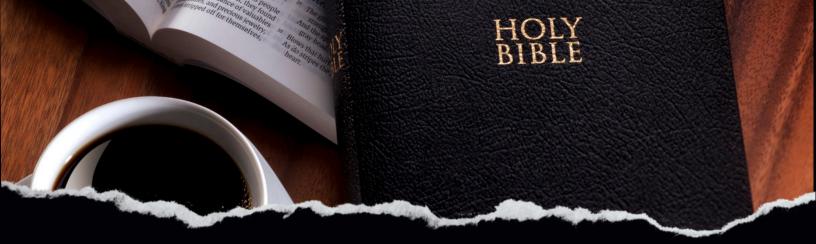
What areas of your life are you holding onto because they are comfortable, and how might Jesus be calling you to step out in faith?

QUOTE:

Stepping into my calling usually means stepping out of my comfort zone.

PRAYER:

Lord, give me the courage to step out of my comfort zone and follow You wherever You lead. Help me to trust in Your plan and to embrace the changes You want to make in my life. Amen.



DAY 2: CONFRONTING OUR DYSFUNCTION

DEVOTIONAL:

Jesus's presence in our lives is not just about comfort; it is about confrontation. He confronts the systems and issues that keep us in bondage. In the story of Jesus in Capernaum, He confronted an evil spirit in the synagogue, showing that His presence demands change. We must examine our own lives for areas of dysfunction or sin that we have grown too comfortable with. Jesus wants to confront these areas and bring about transformation.

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 11:20 "Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent."

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What dysfunctions or sins have you grown too comfortable with, and how can you invite Jesus to confront and transform these areas?

QUOTE:

Some stuff doesn't come out unless it's confronted.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I invite You to confront the areas of dysfunction and sin in my life. Help me to be open to Your transformative power and to not shy away from the changes You want to make. Amen.



DAY 3: THE DANGER OF COMFORT

DEVOTIONAL:

Comfort can be a dangerous thing if it keeps us from growing and stepping into our calling. Too often, we associate the presence of Jesus with comfort and the presence of the devil with conflict. However, Jesus's primary role is not to make us comfortable but to confront and transform us. If we love comfort more than we love Christ, we will run from our calling. We must be willing to step out of our 'heated seats' and embrace the challenges that come with following Jesus.

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthews 11:23 "And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.."

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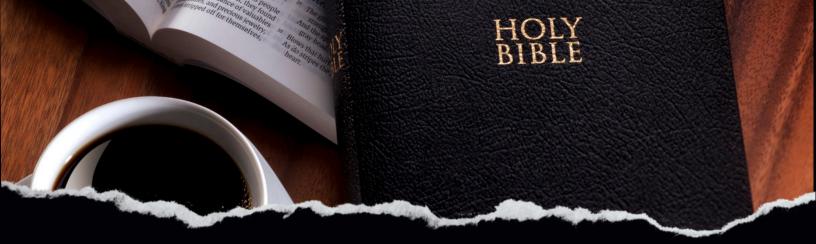
In what ways might your love for comfort be hindering your spiritual growth and calling?

QUOTE:

If we end up loving comfort more than we love Christ, I will run from my calling.

PRAYER:

Lord, help me to not prioritize comfort over my calling. Give me the strength to embrace the challenges and changes that come with following You. Amen.



DAY 4: THE POWER OF CONFRONTATION

DEVOTIONAL:

When Jesus shows up, power shows up. In the synagogue in Capernaum, the evil spirit was comfortable until Jesus arrived. This shows that true power lies in confrontation, not in maintaining the status quo. We must not be content with a 'nice and pretty' church that lacks power. Instead, we should seek a church that is willing to confront and transform. This applies to our personal lives as well; we must be willing to confront our own issues and allow Jesus to bring about change.

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

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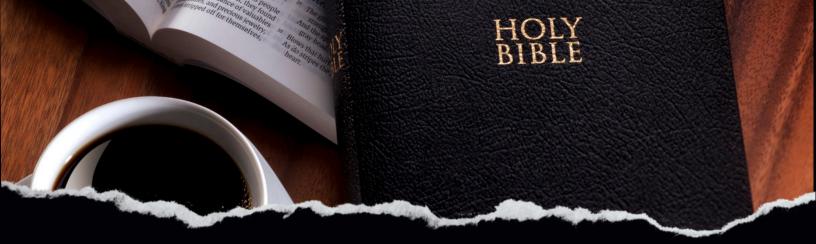
How can you seek and embrace the power of Jesus's confrontation in your life and in your church?

QUOTE:

Why was that evil spirit just so comfortable in church? But when Jesus showed up, when the son of God showed up, power shows up.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I seek Your power in my life and in my church. Help us to not shy away from confrontation but to embrace it as a means of transformation. Amen.



DAY 5: EMBRACING THE LIGHT

DEVOTIONAL:

Jesus calls us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. This means we must be willing to confront the areas of our lives that are hidden in darkness. Too often, we are comfortable in our dysfunction because it is familiar. However, Jesus did not come to condemn us but to confront and transform us. We must be willing to let go of our 'little blankie' of dysfunction and embrace the light and freedom that Jesus offers.

BIBLE VERSE:

Matthew 7:2 "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What areas of darkness in your life do you need to confront and bring into the light of Jesus?

QUOTE:

Don't be willing to be comfortable in the darkness when God has called you to light.

PRAYER:

Lord, help me to not be comfortable in the darkness but to embrace the light and freedom that You offer. Confront and transform the hidden areas of my life. Amen.