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Times of struggle, change, and trial are times of discomfort – and we don't like to be uncomfortable. As Jesus teaches his followers about a life of discipleship, he includes this curious story that challenges us with how we view our comforts in this life as compared to what we can expect in the next.

Our suffering or comfort in this life do not merit us anything in the next. However, our relationship to our comfort has a great impact on the kind of life we live, and shows our priorities.

Read

Luke 16: 19-31 -- John 16: 31-33

React

In this life, are observers more likely to associate you to the rich man, or Lazarus?

How high a value do you place on your physical comforts? Do you feel that is appropriately reflected in your schedule and finances?

Do issues of discomfort, struggle, and trial often distract you from a walk that reflects the values of Christ?

How we react to struggle often reflects the value we place on our comfort. What is being reflected in your life during the struggles you are facing?

Reflect & Pray

Consider how you can maintain a godly perspective in the midst of discomforting times.

Find someone you can give comfort to with a kind gesture or word this week.

Lord, we are so very blessed. In our blessings, help us to not become spoiled to the point where we lose perspective. Do not let us fall to the temptation of living to provide for our own comforts, but remind us of the call to live to bring your glory. Open doors for us to offer comfort to the struggling. Help us to view our struggles and trials as opportunities to bring glory to you and to grow in maturity. Remind us that Christ has overcome the world. Amen