

# Too Comfortable

## Why Isn't This Working - Part 2

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*“<sup>23</sup>All right then,” Joshua said, “destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”* Joshua 24:23 (NLT)

*“<sup>21</sup>Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.”* 1 John 5:21 (NLT)

**God alone is worthy and He wants what is best for us... Him!**

**Recommend book: *Gods at War* by Kyle Idleman**

**It’s amazing how much comfort we have compared to previous generations, and terrifying how much it’s quietly making us weaker, more entitled, and less dependent on God.**

**Comfort **from** God strengthens you.**

*“<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.”* 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)

**Comfort **as** a god weakens you.**

*“<sup>4</sup>Be careful to obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will live and multiply, and you will enter and occupy the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors. ... <sup>9</sup>It is a land where food is plentiful and nothing is lacking. It is a land where iron is as common as stone, and copper is abundant in the hills. <sup>10</sup>When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. <sup>11</sup>But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey His commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. <sup>12</sup>For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, <sup>13</sup>and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! <sup>14</sup>Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt. ... <sup>19</sup>But I assure you of this: If you ever forget the Lord your God and **follow other gods**, worshiping and bowing down to them, you will certainly be destroyed.”* Deuteronomy 8:1, 9-14, 19 (NLT)

**The blessing of comfort can quickly become the curse of forgetting God.**

**Who, me?**

- **Has God clearly called you to take a step of faith that you’ve been putting off?**
- **Are you avoiding a conversation you know you need to have?**
- **When following God costs you something, do you still follow?**
- **When was the last time you took a step of faith that made you nervous?**

**Fallout from idolizing comfort:**

- **You stop obeying**
- **You stop growing**
- **You start drifting**
- **You lose impact**

## Following Jesus requires getting uncomfortable often!

- **Love your enemies (Matt 5:44)**
- **Forgive again and again (Matt 18:22)**
- **Calls Peter to walk on water (Matt 14:29)**
- **Calls Levi to leave everything and follow Him (Luke 5:27)**

*“<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <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 16:24-26 (NLT)*

## The reward for choosing God over comfort:

- **Honors Him**
- **Grow**
- **Kingdom impact/purpose**
- **Others benefit**
- **Eternal reward**

*“<sup>41</sup>He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>‘Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’” Luke 22:41-42 (NLT)*

**Jesus always chose obedience over comfort.**

## Has comfort quietly become an idol?

## What step of faith has God been calling you to take?

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