

## Comfort Zones

- Many people today are unwilling to be acceptable to God because it requires changes in their life that make them UNCOMFORTABLE

## Examples Of People That CHOSE To Be Uncomfortable

- Moses
- Jonah
- Paul
- Jesus

### Moses

- **Hebrews 11:24-26**

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, **choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God** than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

### Jonah

- **Jonah 3:1-3**

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you." So **Jonah arose and went to Nineveh** according to the word of the LORD...

### Paul

- **2 Corinthians 11: 25-28**

Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked ...

### Jesus

- **Matthew 26:39** - Uncomfortable

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me**; yet not as I will, but as You will."

- **John 10:15-18** - Choice

... I lay down My life for the sheep ... For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. "No one has taken it away from Me, but **I lay it down on My own initiative**. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again...

## Christians Today

- We too should be willing to **choose to be uncomfortable** (i.e. suffer) if necessary for the cause of Christ
- **Hebrews 13:12-13**  
Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, **bearing His reproach**.

## Christians Will Suffer

- **1 Peter 4:14-16**  
If you are **reviled** for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone **suffers** as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name
- **Philippians 1:29**  
For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to **suffer** for His sake

## Christians Will Suffer

- **Acts 5:40-42**  
They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, **rejoicing** that they had been considered worthy to **suffer shame** for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.
- **2 Timothy 3:12**  
Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**.

## Why Be Willing To Suffer?

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- **Revelation 2:10**  
Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. **Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life**.