

Beyond Our Comfort Zone

God calls us to _____, by faith, before it's necessary.

"Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; ... Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out ... your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.
Isaiah 54:1-3

Remaining comfortable is the " _____ " that holds individuals and churches back from all God wants to do.

*... Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves** and take up their cross daily and follow me.*
Luke 9:23

We become comfortable with our . . .

Route to a Place. (The disciples followed Jesus)

R _____ of Programing. (listened to Jesus)

Rights and Privileges. (The disciples included with Jesus)

It's easier to do the *Where, the Why, and the How,*
than to do the *W _____.*

We're *Not So* comfortable with our . . .

R _____ because they deal with People.

... But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, ... 1 Cor. 7:28

... I have had a great struggle with my sister, and I have won ... Gen. 30:8

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons ... Gen. 37:3

... Whoever brings ruin on their family ... Prov. 11:29

... Our brothers have made us lose heart ... Deut. 1:28

We *Must* respond to Jesus new Command. 13:33-34

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:14

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 4:20-21

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
Mathew 6:15 (Matt. 18:21-35)

What can I do to make Relationships healthy?

A _____ them or you will begin to resent them.

Romans 1:8 1 Corinthians 1:4 Philippians 1:3 Colossians 1:31
1 Thessalonians 1:2, 2:13, 3:9 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Philemon 1:4

E _____ them; it will keep them growing!

Ephesians 6:22 Colossians 4:8 1 Thessalonians 3:2 & 5:11
Hebrews 3:13 & 10:25

I _____ in those different than you.

Romans 1:14 & 11:13-14 1 Corinthians 9:22 & 10:32-33 Colossians 3:10-11

O _____ hearted—humble. The Priority is unity.

Matthew 7:1 Romans 12:16 1 Corinthians 1:10 Ephesians 4:2 & 3 James 2:1

U _____: Be Considerate of others.

Understanding: Proverbs 15:32, 16:22, 18:2, 19:8, 20:5
Considerate: Philippians 2:3 Titus 3:2 James 3:17 1 Peter 3:7

**A Healthy Church shifts from focusing on . . .
Routine to Relationships &
People over Self - P _____!**

Optional Reading: Notice the Love for the Community (14 chapters)
Romans 12—16 1 Thessalonians 1—5
2 Thessalonians 1—3 Philemon 1