

## COMFORT

## PRECEPT

**GALATIANS 2:20**

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me

## PROMISE

The temptation of comfort is destructive. It doesn't appear harmful; in fact, it seems reasonable and feels safe. While we all appreciate comfort, it can quietly become a barrier that keeps us from following God and experiencing a transformed life. For Jesus, the road to glory was through the cross, not around it. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse was written to exiles in Babylon — people who had just lost their land, temple, stability, and identity. It was not about material gain; it wasn't that if I accept Jesus, I will be prosperous. God's promise to prosper refers to His plan to restore their relationship with Him and to fulfill His covenant. This verse states that through our discomfort and pain, God has not and never will abandon us. Putting aside selfish desires and pride to prioritize God's will over our own. We must be willing to sacrifice and endure discomfort or suffering for the sake of following Jesus, just as he carried His cross to crucifixion. If the enemy can't lead you to sin, he'll entice you into comfort and stagnation.

Identify where comfort is controlling you and embrace one step of obedience you've been avoiding. What is that one thing that you keep disobeying God for? Deny yourself daily. When we experience discomfort or pain, instead of asking God, "Why me?" Why don't we ask, "Lord, what are you teaching me?" Share your faith boldly. When was the last time you shared your faith or your testimony with a family, friend, or coworker? Join or lead something that challenges you spiritually. We are created not to merely exist, but to live out our purpose. He created you to become Christlike, not comfortable.

## PRACTICE

1. **Discomfort.** Why is it important that we avoid falling into comfortable Christianity?
2. **Controlling comfort.** Where is comfort controlling you? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

## PRAYER

**I. Service**

- Pray that we may serve God and His people faithfully and proclaim His truth boldly.

**II. Life Groups**

- May we grow in faith, support one another, and spread God's love.

**III. Joy**

- May God help us to find delight in His presence and to share joy with others.

**IV. Love**

- May we love others as God have loved us. May His love shine through us.

**V. Hope**

- In times of uncertainty, let us turn to God for hope and trust His plan.

**VI. Faith**

- Pray that God may strengthen our faith. Help us to seek His guidance in all we do.

**VII. Families**

- Pray that our homes will be filled with God's presence and love.