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COMFORT

Introduction

This week, we continued our series called **Against the Current**. Whether you realize it or not, your life is moving in a direction that follows a current. We often don't choose this current, we end up drifting into it. We drift into pressure, noise, expectations, cultures, habits, and rhythms we might not have chosen otherwise and eventually we wake up and ask the question: "How did I end up here?" During this series, we are going to be pushing back— **against the current**, against spiritual drift— and anchoring ourselves in Jesus.

Seek the Word: Before discussing this week's questions, read through Hebrews 11:1-38 and Hebrews 12:1-3 out loud as a group. What stands out to you from this passage?

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How would you define your "comfort zone"? What sort of things do you find to be outside of your comfort zone, and what makes them that way?

- **Faith requires you to cut off what comfort wants to keep.**
 - What are the things in life that bring you the most comfort? What would be the hardest to get rid of if your faith required it of you? Why?
 - What is something that you have been holding on to for the sake of "comfort" that is actually getting in the way of your faith?
- **Faith begins at the end of your comfort zone.**
 - Why is going outside of your comfort zone so intimidating? (Don't say "because it is uncomfortable") Be specific about why you stay in your comfort zone.
 - When was a time that you felt like you needed to step out of your comfort zone into an act of faith? Did you? How did that situation go?
- **Faith requires endurance, not ease.**
 - What would you say is "forming" you? How does that person/thing impact your faith?
 - What needs to be done in your daily life to choose obedience, even obedience that takes you outside of your comfort zone, more frequently?

Wrap Up

Reminder: **Comfort is not your calling, Jesus is.** Faith in Jesus means taking a step past where we would choose to go and follow Jesus where He calls us to go. When comfort becomes our priority, it hinders our steps and can cause us to drift away from obedience to God. But when we fix our eyes on Jesus, we can take measures to become more like Him, and in doing so live a life of faithfulness.

Challenge: Let Faith Make the Decision

Where has comfort been making the decision for you in your life? What is an “uncomfortable” choice that you need to make this week in order to live a life that is defined by your faith?

- Commit to Scripture reading every day
- Commit to praying every day
- Have that tough conversation you’ve been avoiding
- End that relationship, association, or sin habit that you’ve been holding on to
- Confess a sin that you’ve been keeping secret
- Have a conversation with someone about baptism, or maybe about your doubts and questions that you’ve been scared to share.

Take a bold step of faith this week that prioritizes Christ-likeness over comfort.

Prayer: Close your time together in prayer, asking God for strong and bold conviction towards faithful living. Pray that God would reveal in each of you the areas where comfort has become the priority that He wants you to act faithfully. Pray that there would be opportunities this week to choose intentional obedience over self-conscious comfort. Lift up any specific prayer requests that the group has.