

We Can't Stay Here

Deuteronomy 1:1-8 - *These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, and Dizahab. 2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. 3 In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the Lord had given him in commandment to them, 4 after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying, 6 "The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. 7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.'*

You've been here long enough. You can't stay here. You have to move on.

If we aren't careful...we can be just like this. - We want to go back to "normal"
I wonder if what we want to go back to...is what was comfortable to us?

TRUTHS ABOUT COMFORT:

THINGS THAT ARE COMFORTABLE TO US AREN'T ALWAYS GOOD FOR US

- Comfort foods - Comfort clothes - Comfort chair - Comfort friends - Comfort routines
- **CHAOS SEEMS COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU'VE BEEN IN IT LONG ENOUGH**
- **COMFORT WILL KILL YOUR GROWTH**
 - *If something doesn't challenge you, it won't change you* - Craig Groeschel
- **COMFORT IS THE ENEMY OF FAITH**
 - Comfort pushes us away from God. - Discomfort should push us closer to God.
- **2 Corinthians 2:9-10 NLT** - *9 In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. 10 And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.*
- **COMFORT WILL KEEP YOU FROM YOUR FUTURE**

Everyone wants the promised land...but few are willing to take on the challenges that move them to the promised land.

We've been in a season that we aren't supposed to camp out in.
The disruption was meant to kill our comfort.

HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD?

1. LOOK TO THE FUTURE NOT THE PAST

Joshua 1:1-3 - 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 **"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.**

Looking back causes us to stay stuck in a season that God has already moved on from.
Quit trying to go back...or hang out until things return.

Philippians 3:13-15 - 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

2. EMBRACE THE STRETCHING

The way to break out of comfort...is to start something uncomfortable.

Start serving somewhere - Start getting up earlier, change your routine
Tell someone about Jesus - Start tithing, start being generous
Some of you got comfortable not being with people, not being connected.

3. DON'T STOP

Hebrews 10:36 - 36 **For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.**

Progress isn't always obvious in the natural

Joshua 1:3 - 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon **I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.**

We aren't going backwards and we can't stay here...so let's step into the promises God has for us.

Joshua 1:9 says- "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**"