

Too Comfortable

Ready:

“Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For it is the LORD your God who goes with you; He will not leave you or forsake you.” - Deuteronomy 31:6

Set Recently, I made a pretty significant change in my life. After working for the same company for more than 11 years, I changed jobs. It was a really hard decision—one I agonized over for weeks. I wasn't unhappy in my job, and I worked for and with some amazing people. I hadn't even thought about leaving, but another opportunity came along and I really started thinking about possibly making a change. The old line “It's not you; it's me” was really true in this case. But I realized that I'd become comfortable. Too comfortable. And not just in my job. I was too comfortable in my prayer life, in my faith walk, and in my daily Scripture study. I wasn't challenging myself to have a deeper, closer relationship with Christ. When I started thinking about making a change, I began not just praying, but listening. I started taking more time to be still—to be quiet. One evening, during the weeks in which I was trying to decide what was right for our family and for me, I was sitting at the high school baseball field waiting for my son's game to start. Before every game, his team will pray (yes, it's a public high school!), and I have always been very proud when I see the entire team kneel and pray. But this day was different. I not only saw my son and his teammates praying, I also saw their courage. They had courage to do something that isn't always popular—courage to stand for what they believed—courage to put their faith and trust in God. They were anything but “comfortable.” The actions of my son and his team encouraged me to put my faith and trust in God and allow Him to lead me into an exciting new opportunity both personally and professionally. Sometimes, God speaks to us through others—even if it's a bunch of sweaty teenage boys—we just have to be open to hearing Him. Thankfully, my ears were open that day. And for that, I am thankful. I'm also thankful for my son and his team and for the rest of the athletes and coaches across the nation who have the courage to publicly stand for their faith and encourage fellow believers. It's a powerful reminder that having the courage to take a stand can truly make a difference. You never know who is watching and how it can strengthen their faith. Today, take God at His Word when He tells you that you can be strong and courageous in Him. Be willing to step out in faith when He asks and to get “uncomfortable” for Christ—the One who will see you through and never leave your side.

Go 1. In what areas of life are you “too comfortable”? 2. Are there ways you could enrich your spiritual life to develop a more authentic relationship with Christ? 3. Do you know where you are being called and where God is leading you? Stop for a few minutes today. Take the time to listen to Him, and you might be surprised!

Workout Psalm 27:1 John 14:27 Ephesians 6:10

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