# WORSHIP GOD, NOT COMFORT | ESSENTIAL, PART 7 WAVE CHURCH SD | OCT. 25, 2020

THE LIE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM:
YOU CAN LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE NOW

JESUS DID NOT LEAVE THE <u>ETERNAL</u> CONVENIENCE OF HEAVEN
FOR THE FLEETING CONVENIENCES OF THIS WORLD.

MARK 10:17-31 (ESV) <sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' "20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

#### WHEN I WORSHIP SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD...

- I ROB MYSELF OF THE BLESSINGS OF GOD
- I DEVALUE MY CURRENT BLESSINGS
- I FORSAKE THE CALLING OF GOD ON MY LIFE

"When our hearts fall in love with comfort and convenience, the call of Jesus to shoulder a cross will feel foreign."

## YOU CANNOT <u>GROW</u> IN FAITH AND BE <u>COMFORTABLE</u> AT THE SAME TIME

#### **EMBRACE DIVINE DISCOMFORT**

**Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

#### EMBRACE THAT THIS IS NOT YOUR BEST LIFE

**Romans 8:18-19 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

## REFUSE TO FULFILL AN <u>ETERNAL</u> LONGING WITH A <u>TEMPORARY</u> COMFORT | IT ONLY LEADS TO AN <u>EMPTY</u> LIFE

**Matthew 16:24-28 (ESV)** <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)** But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

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