

PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY

MOVING OUTSIDE OUR COMFORT ZONE

I read a post the other day on Face Book from one of my church members. That Post actually centralized for me a common problem in our society today. The 21st century society of The United States of America has been living in such a protected comfort zone, that when any sort of change or discomfort rears its ugly head we seem to fold ourselves into the Fetal Position and lock the doors of our life. Many times it's out of the fear of our feelings of being inadequate in our ability to give the right answer. Or, to simply take a little time to consider life outside our protected realm. In other words, we are petrified at the thought of leaving our comfort zone. Why? What if we should say the wrong thing - or actually get involved in the pain of someone outside our protected group. That's the group that has grown up like us and we all think about the same way. Sounds sorta boring now that I have printed it out loud. Each of us deal in, and with, life in different ways. But, that does not give us the privilege to remain disconnected from those who think a different way or live and were raised in a different manner than we were.

Jesus was doing just fine living in His Heavenly Realm. But, there was something He had to do if any of us were to have any hope of experiencing the perfect eternal life with Him in His Realm.

JESUS LEFT HIS COMFORT ZONE TO DO SALVATION FOR US

Jesus had to leave His comfort zone in Heaven for us. The Son of God put aside His own comfort zone in Heaven to do Salvation God's Way. Jesus didn't leave His comfort zone in Heaven to come to earth to just save us for the great Hereafter, but He saved us for the Here and Now - Salvation is all inclusive. If we are going to serve God now, then we must **"MOVE OUTSIDE OUR COMFORT ZONE"** just like Jesus did. That means we will not always be able to stay in our comfort zone and still do God's will. We must, as Christians, be willing to **Stop - Listen - Learn and Act** by willingly reaching down to the hurt of others.

John 6:38-40 NKJ

³⁸ - **"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.**

³⁹ - **"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.**

⁴⁰ - **"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."**

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