

The Idol of Comfort

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- The human body hits its maximum height by the age of _____ years old.
- The human brain reaches maturity at the age of _____ years old.
- But our spirits have _____ potential for growth.

Isaiah 6:1 *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the **train of his robe filled the temple.**"*

- The train = God's _____
- Filled the temple is best translated "keeps filling the temple".
- There is no end to God's glory, God's authority, or God's love

Does your spirit have STRETCH MARKS because growth is found _____!

"God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if he doesn't come through." ~Francis Chan (Crazy Love)

Isaiah 54 Background

- For 70 years the Jewish people were held captive by the Babylonians.
- The Persians overthrow the the Babylonians and King Cyrus decrees all the Jewish people can return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.
- BUT MOST STAYED PUT!!! Only 50,000 Jews returned to their home country.
- Why??? COMFORT WAS THEIR KING.

Do you know you can grow comfortable anywhere—even in the enemy's camp— if you _____ there long enough.

Isaiah 54:2-3 *"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, **DO NOT HOLD BACK**; lengthen your cords; strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left..."*

Luke 8:42-48 The woman with the issue of blood

- Faith isn't a stagnant belief in God and his power, faith IS the _____.

God will lead you to... HARD THINGS.
Stop running from... HARD THINGS.
Your inheritance is found in the... HARD THINGS.

NEXT STEPS **During the Message Today!** If you would like to learn more about our church and how to get connected, join this class today just outside the sanctuary during the message. We will be talking about the history of our church and our core values as a church.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT **Tonight at 6pm** Our 7th-12th graders come together for a service designed for youth right here at the church!

SPECIAL SERVICE IN MALONE **Wednesday at 6:30pm** Join us at Living Hope Church (57 Rennie St) for a special service with Dennis Balcombe who has worked as a missionary in China for over fifty years.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY **Fridays at 9:30am** Pray for our nation together every Friday morning here at the church.

MENS GROUP **Saturdays at 8am** All men are invited to this weekly group that meets here at the church on Saturday mornings!

coming up...

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY **Starts September 13th at 6:30pm** Sign up for this 2 credit class looking at each of the 39 books in the Old Testament in context and how they point to Jesus. For more information visit our website of the ChurchCenter App.

FREEDOM GROUPS **Starting September 13th at 6:30pm** Build on the foundation of your faith in Christ and embrace the truth of God's word as it relates to your worldview, your past, your sin, your personal value to God, and your purpose in the Kingdom. Space is limited. Register on our website or the ChurchCenter App.

FOURTH COAST COMPANIONS TRAINING **September 13th at 10am** If you are interested in joining this initiative to help our elderly neighbors to age in place then register for this one day training. It will go from 10am to 3pm and lunch will be provided. Visit our website or go to fourthcoastcompanions.com to register.

BRIDGE **Resumes September 14th at 6:00pm** 5th-7th Graders gather every other week throughout the school year for an evening just for them.

MOPS **Resumes September 21st at 10am or 6pm** Our moms groups are starting back up this fall. All moms are welcome to join this group that meets during the morning or evening every other Thursday.

MENS ONE DAY **Saturday, October 7th from 8:30am to 4:30pm** Mark your calendars men for "Building Firm," a day of connection, fun, and encouragement as we sharpen each other and grow together.