My Comfort Or The Fathers Will?

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to begin with three different scenarios that all have something in common.
- So often it is very easy for us to make decisions about what we will and will not be spiritually, what we will do and not do spiritually on the basis of my comfort.
- Jesus, before he faced the cross, said those famous words. Not my will, but thine be done.

1 Turn From Our Sins and Turn to the Lord

Acts 2:38

- The first area where you're challenged ... where we must turn from our sins and turn to the Lord.
- I'll tell you what conversion is. It is an about face.
- Repent and be converted. That times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
- Conversion is hard because it is a devaluation of me.
- So as you're in the discomfort, understand that ultimate comfort is at stake.

2 Once in Christ, You're Not Done With Your Discomfort

Romans 8:13–14; James 1:19–22; Ephesians 5:10

- If you're relatively new in Christ, you need to pay attention here. You're not done with your discomfort.
- He says, then, receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.
- When you come to Christ, you just don't know the whole thing yet. There are layers of learning that will result.
- Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. He wrote that to Christians in Ephesians 5 and verse 10.
- There's some ongoing work. And perhaps some discomfort.

3 Go On to Maturity: Persevering in the Good Fight

1 Peter 5:8

- The Hebrew writer talks about that in chapter 5 and chapter 6, leaving the elementary principles go on to maturity.
- I just called this persevering in the good fight.
- What is Christianity going to mean now for you?
- The devil's not going to let you slide through. We got a target on our backs.
- Fight the good fight of faith. And lay hold on eternal life.
- Quit thinking it's going to be easy. Stop that. We have to persevere in the good fight.

4 A Time Is Coming When the Battle Will Be Done

Psalm 37:4–5

- A time is coming when the battle that we have with our wills will be done.
- There will be no lust of the flesh. There will be no lust of the eyes. There will be no pride of life.
- God will be all in all, and we will serve at his throne, and our discomfort will be over.
- Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust also in him, and he will do it.
- But when you get to number four, there will be no pining. Not even for Hawaii.

THE CHALLENGE

Don’t be so honed in on our comfort zone where the magic happens that we forget where salvation happens.

MY NOTES