



### Week #3: Temple of Safety/Comfort

**Today's Big Idea:** Our culture of safety and comfort is leading us to reject any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**Series Theme Verse:** *They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!*

Romans 1:25 (NLT)

- Safety/comfort is \_\_\_\_\_, but it's not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Arresting Jesus, they marched him off and took him into the house of the Chief Priest. Peter followed, but at a safe distance. In the middle of the courtyard some people had started a fire and were sitting around it, trying to keep warm. One of the serving maids sitting at the fire noticed him, then took a second look and said, "This man was with him!" He denied it, "Woman, I don't even know him."*

Luke 22:54-57 (MSG)

- The god of safety and comfort prioritizes \_\_\_\_\_.

*So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude He had, and be ready to suffer, too...*

1 Peter 4:1 (NLT)

*Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.*

1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

*But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!*

1 Peter 4:16 (NLT)

*So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.*

1 Peter 4:19 (NLT)

- The way of Jesus is the way of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and even \_\_\_\_\_.

## How do we embrace the ways of Jesus and resist the god of safety?

- Make sure our view of safety is informed by our view of \_\_\_\_\_.

*After you have suffered a little while, our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory. He personally will come and pick you up, and set you firmly in place, and make you stronger than ever.*

1 Peter 5:10 (TLB)

- Put our \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus alone and look for next right steps that require \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.*

Acts 4:29-31 (NLT)

## Discussion Questions

1. When you hear that the way of Jesus is the way of surrender, sacrifice, and even suffering, how do you respond to that? Does it discourage you or make you somewhat reluctant to fully pursue Jesus? What is it about surrender, sacrifice, and suffering that causes that response in us?
2. Are there ways in which you’ve overlooked the perspective of eternity in your pursuit of safety and comfort? Does viewing these things in light of eternity change your perspective at all?
3. Is there a way that Jesus is calling you to surrender, even at the risk of your own comfort? What do you think is your next step in responding to that call?

## Recommended Resources

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**How do we embrace the ways of Jesus and resist the god of safety?**

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