



Martha Road Baptist Church
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Getting Out of My Comfort Zone

"Be Strong and Courageous"

Part 4

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Joshua 3:2-5, 13-17

A Comfort Zone Evaluation

1. Am I willing to get out of my comfort zone?

(Vs.2-3) "After three days the officers went throughout the camp, ³ giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it."

"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert..."

Psalm 95:8 (NIV)

There will need to be a change in structure.

"Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 9:17 (NIV)

There will need to be a change in leadership.

"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:5 (NIV)

There will need to be a change in power.

"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert..."

Psalm 95:8 (NIV)

(-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-)

2. Am I being equipped to get out of my comfort zone?

(Vs.4) “Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about a thousand yards between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

What am I doing to understand the culture ?

What am I doing to understand the needs of the community?

What am I doing to apply God’s Word to the circumstances around me?

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3. Am I spiritually committed to get out of my comfort zone?

(Vs.5) “Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

(Vs.17) “The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.”

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

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