

## Does Life Really Begin Outside Your Comfort Zone?

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- “When God gives you a new beginning, it often starts with an ending.”
- Most of us avoid change!
- An exciting and growing spiritual life is a life of discovery experienced outside of my comfort zone.

### Key Questions:

1. Why is pushing our limits so important.
2. Can I really improve and make progress? In what ways?
3. Is God asking me to trust Him and His plan and move forward to a new place of faith and discovery?
4. What place and area of my life might that be?

### So what happens when life rears up and hits you in the face?

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. **Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)***

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who<sup>a</sup> have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)***

### Bible personalities that faced loss and were required to relinquish their current comfort zones and move ahead by faith!

#### 1. Abraham

*God had told Abram, “Leave your own country behind you, and your own people, and go to the land I will guide you to. If you do, I will cause you to become the father of a great nation; I will bless you and make your name famous, and you will be a blessing to many others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those*

*who curse you; and the entire world will be blessed because of you.” **Genesis 12:1-3 (LIV)***

#### 2. Joshua

*Numbers 27:18-23 (LIV)*

#### 3. Apostle Paul

*Philippians 3:3-16 (NIV)*

#### 4. Apostle Peter

*Luke 5: 1-11 (LIV)*

#### 5. Jesus

*Philippians 2:5-9 (LIV)*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)*

*rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **Philippians 2:7 (NIV)***