

# The Making of an American Idol

**AMERICAN IDOLS – PART 6** 



## The La-Z-Boy Life

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem" Isaiah 40:1

"...[the] God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

See Amos 6:1-7

#### WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING COMFORTABLE?

THE PROBLEM = \_\_\_\_\_

"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 2:3

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you...Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." John 15:18-20

"...in <u>labors</u> more abundant, in <u>stripes</u> above measure, in <u>prisons</u> more frequently, in <u>deaths</u> often. From the Jews five times I received forty <u>stripes</u> minus one. Three times I was <u>beaten with rods</u>; once I was <u>stoned</u>; three times I was <u>shipwrecked</u>; a night and a day I have been <u>in the deep</u>; in journeys often...in <u>weariness</u> and <u>toil</u>, in <u>sleeplessness</u> often, in <u>hunger</u> and <u>thirst</u>, in <u>fastings</u> often, in <u>cold</u> and <u>nakedness</u>..." 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

#### THE PRESCRIPTION = \_

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Matthew 16:24-25

"And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Matthew 8:20

### DOES THIS MOTIVATE YOU?

REWARD

THE COST; BUT IT WON'T

*"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you."* Psalm 63:3

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked." Psalm 84:10

"...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

#### LIVING FOR COMFORT = LACK OF \_\_\_\_\_

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"Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." Matthew 17:1-2

Can YOU see the glory of the Lord?