

# LIKE IT OR NOT

## Part 3: Are You Comfortable Enough?

“God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”  
**Matthew 5:4** (NLT)

**Comfort:** <sup>1</sup>consolation in time of trouble or worry; <sup>2</sup>a feeling of relief or encouragement; <sup>3</sup>contented well-being; <sup>4</sup>a satisfying or enjoyable experience

## IF I WANT TO EXPERIENCE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH LOSS, I HAVE TO...

### 1. ...CANCEL ALL FUTURE \_\_\_\_\_ PARTIES

*“God is truly good to Israel, to those who have pure hearts. But I had almost stopped believing; I had almost lost my faith because I was jealous of proud people. I saw wicked people doing well. They are not suffering; they are healthy and strong. They don’t have troubles like the rest of us; they don’t have problems like other people.” **Psalms 73:1-5** (NCV)*

*“You see, my heart overflowed with bitterness and cynicism; I felt as if someone stabbed me in the back. But I didn’t know the truth; I have been acting like a stupid animal toward You. But look at this: You are still holding my right hand; You have been all along. Even though I was angry and hard-hearted, You gave me good advice; when it’s all over, You will receive me into Your glory. For all my wanting, I don’t have anyone but You in heaven. There is*

nothing on earth that I desire other than You. I admit how broken I am in body and spirit, but God is my strength, and He will be mine forever.” Psalm 73:21-26 (VOICE)

## 2. ... \_\_\_\_\_ MY \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ GRIEVING

“The Lord is close to those whose hearts have been broken. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.” **Psalm 34:18** (NIRV)

*“Because of the extravagance of those revelations, and so I wouldn’t get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. Satan’s angel did his best to get me down; what he in fact did was push me to my knees. No danger then of walking around high and mighty! At first I didn’t think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, ‘My grace is enough; it’s all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness.’ Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ’s strength moving in on my weakness. Now I take limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size—abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.” **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (MSG)***