

COMFORT ZONE or END ZONE

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Acts 4:23-31

²³On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

" 'Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together
against the Lord

and against his Anointed One.' ²⁷Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Four Characteristics of the Comfort Zone

It is a place where _____
_____.

"Life is like riding a taxi – whether you're going anywhere or not, the meter keeps running."
John Maxwell

It is a place where _____
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Ephesians 6:12, Ephesians 5:18,
Ephesians 6:13-14a

It is a place where _____
_____.

Three Ways to Achieve End Zone Victory

Know your _____.

Ephesians 1:20-21

"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."
Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

Know your _____.

"For we are God's workmanship, (creative expression) created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Ephesians 4:1, Matthew 28:17-20

Know your _____.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."
Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)