



"...stop and consider the wondrous works of God." - Job 37:14

BARE MINIMUM (PART 3)

We live in a culture and society that seeks the easy road, the easy way out, the comfortable.

The bare minimum is easy.

It requires the least amount of effort. It normally will not push us out of our comfort zone. It experiences the least amount of pain. It has the lowest expectations.

It also usually brings about the least amount of results.

So, instead of
doing the
easy
BARE MINIMUM,
do
HARD THINGS.



I've been reading through the book of Mark, and I came to chapter 14 where Jesus is praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He is arrested and the night before He is crucified.

Listen to what Jesus prays,

Mark 14:36

And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Both Matthew and Mark record that Jesus prayed this 3 times.

Luke records Jesus praying this same thing to the point where His sweat became drops of blood.

Jesus knew what He was about to face. He knew what He was about to suffer. It was going to be unbelievably hard—harder than anything we can imagine, and harder than anything we have ever, or will ever, face.

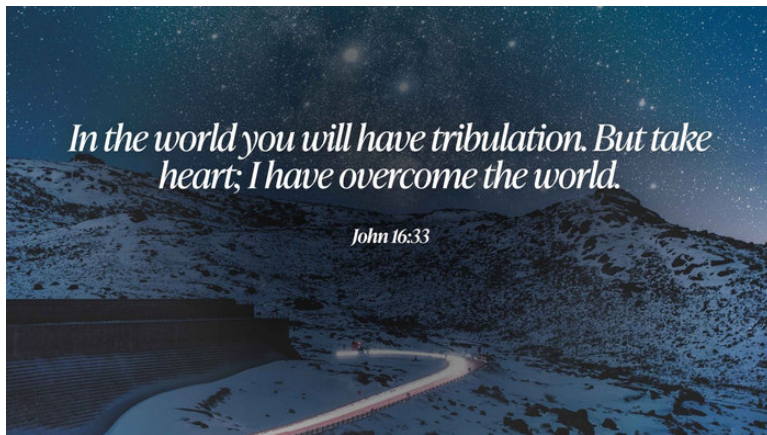
Jesus could've settled for the **BARE MINIMUM**, but He didn't.
He chose to do the **HARD THING**.

But what if Jesus would've settled for the **BARE MINIMUM**?

- What if Jesus would've have decided that being crucified would have been too uncomfortable?
-
- What if Jesus had decided that dying for our sins would be too difficult or painful?
-
- What if Jesus had taken the easy way out?
-
- What if Jesus would have decided **NOT** to do the **HARD THING**?

Then we would all be damned in our trespasses and sins with no hope of rescue and salvation.

I don't know about you, but I'm glad and forever grateful that Jesus decided to do the **HARD THING**; that He didn't decide to do the **BARE MINIMUM**.



And He has called us to be like Him...

He has called us to do **HARD THINGS** too, but He gives us a promise as well:

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

He promises that He will be with us, and when we are in Him, we will have peace—even in the midst of those **HARD THINGS**, because He has already overcome them!

So, **TAKE HEART** and **DO HARD THINGS**.

- Face your fears
- Stand up for truth
- Defend the weak, fatherless, widow, and destitute
- Raise your kids in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
- Resolve conflicts
- Tell your neighbor about Jesus
- Live in harmony with one another
- Love your enemies
- ...and a million other **HARD THINGS**.

Don't settle for the **BARE MINIMUM**.

Be like Christ and **DO HARD THINGS**!

Derrick Marrs
Ministry Director



STOP & CONSIDER PODCAST SEASON 3 IS HERE!



MOVE UP! IT'S A BREACH!

Episode 2 of Season 3 is now **LIVE!**

In this episode, JT & Derrick discuss great walls of antiquity and how they fell, how we build walls around our own hearts, and the difference between "guarding your heart," and "walling it up."

We will also be celebrating our **1-year podcast birthday** during this season and we want you to celebrate with us!

We will be having a birthday celebration episode where we will highlight listener comments as a way to celebrate! Plus, instead of us receiving birthday gifts, one lucky listener will win a special giveaway!



Submit your comments, reviews, and highlights to us either through Facebook ([Bancroft Bible Camp Kingsport](#)), email at bancroftgospel1@gmail.com, or through dropping a review wherever you listen to your podcast!

Every person who submits a comment, review, or highlight will automatically be entered into the giveaway, and the winner will be announced in our birthday celebration episode! (*Deadline for submissions is **OCTOBER 2!***)

Celebrate with us and thanks for listening!

If you aren't familiar with podcasts or how to listen to them, feel free to simply visit our website and listen from there. Here is the link for your convenience:

www.bancroftgospelministry.org/stopandconsider

If you are into the podcast world, below are the links to your favorite podcast platforms for easy access. Currently, the only podcast that has video is through Spotify, but videos to YouTube are coming in Season 2! Be sure to subscribe, like, and comment!

Apple Podcasts:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/stop-and-consider/id1843097127>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@STOPandConsider>

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/5an3QuCPoO4dH9Xa4xp2uc>

Amazon Music:

<https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/41b83bb5-ef2f-4f4e-ae1f-bcd85adbc43f/stop-and-consider>

iHeartRadio:

<https://iheart.com/podcast/296982721/>





Sign up for **SPLASH DAYS** available throughout the month of
September!

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the beautiful weather by
renting our pools for yourself or for a group!

Schedule a day and time now!

BOOK NOW!

**MORE PARTNERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**



For the price of a movie ticket or a fast-food meal, you can make a lasting impact for the kingdom of God by supporting a ministry who has served the Lord and our community for over 100 years!

Click the button below and become part of a team of people desiring to make an eternal difference by financially supporting Bancroft! You can give **more** than \$10 if you choose and you can even make it a recurring donation for your convenience!

JOIN THE CLUB!

141 Bancroft Private Dr, Kingsport,
TN 37660, USA
423-288-4532

Share on social



Check out our website →



You can now partner with Bancroft through donating stocks to help financially support the ministry!

By donating stock that has increased in value, you will avoid paying tax on the capital gains. Many donors have found this is an easy way to increase their donation while helping themselves at tax time.

Donate Stock to Bancroft!