

When God Shows Up in Uncomfortable Ways
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AN OPENING CONFESSION

The older I get...the more I crave comfort. How about you?

Culture chases comfort — but comfort can dull spiritual awareness.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY WAS UNCOMFORTABLE

Matthew 1:18-25 NLT

Betrothal was binding; Mary's pregnancy brought fear, shame, risk.

Personal | Relational | Spiritual Discomfort in the Christmas Story...

WHY DOES GOD USE DISCOMFORT?

1. Faith grows
2. Character forms (*James 1:2-4*)
3. Dependence deepens (*2 Cor. 12:9-10*)
4. Witness expands (*Phil. 1:12-14*)

The fleas Corrie Ten Boom hated became God's tool for ministry.

OUR RESPONSE

Step out of comfort, step into obedience and generosity.