

## **Crazy Love – Study Guide**

### **Chapter 10: The Crux of the Matter**

#### **Comfort Zone**

We now enter the last chapter of Francis Chan’s book, “Crazy Love.” What comes to mind when you look back on the book and study? Francis writes, “My hope and prayer is that you finish this book with hope, believing that part of your responsibility in the body of Christ is to help set the pace for the church by listening and obeying and *living* Christ” (172). It is exciting to know that God works through individuals and through His Church collectively.

As we have read in the previous nine chapters, learning, obeying, and living for Christ will inevitably lead us outside of our comfort zones. Often times our human nature wants what is easy, what is comfortable, what is secure in our minds, and what is popular. In contrast is God’s way that is counter-cultural and challenges our sinful human nature.

Francis said, “I’ve made it a commitment to consistently put myself in situations that scare me and require God to come through” (169). Have you put yourself in that situation lately? If you have, I’m sure that your faith and trust in God grew!

I hope that this journey has awakened your faith and helped your eyes to see that there is so much more to the Christian life than just going to church on Sunday, giving a check, and punching in the clock by doing Christian things. God wants to use our lives to spread His kingdom so that He will gain the glory! May you continue this adventure of leaving your comfort zone and living in the faith zone of Jesus Christ!

**Last Chapter’s Key Thought: Examine my obedience to Christ.**

**Key Thought for This Chapter: Examine my commitment to live for Jesus.**

#### **For Your Mind**

1. Write down the main point of the chapter.
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2. God has challenged you to examine your relationship with God and how it is impacting the way you live your life. Our hope is that the changes you have made will not be temporary, but life-long. The Apostle Paul wanted nothing more in life than to know Jesus Christ crucified. It was the gospel that changed his life and gave him the power to live each day for the glory of God.

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.
- b. From verses 1-2, what did Paul proclaim to the Corinthians?
- c. List what Paul's life was like when he visited and shared with the believers in the city of Corinth. See verses 3-4.
- d. What does a believer need to remember from verses 4 and 5 when serving God?

### **For Your Heart**

3. Watch the chapter 10 video online.
  - a. Hebrews 10:23-25 says,  
"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
  - b. Has your life made a positive impact upon your church family or has it had a negative one, or even a neutral one? What are ways you can begin or in other cases continue to be a positive impact upon the your church family?
4. Do you really want to love Jesus more each day? Make a list of 5-8 different ways that you can grow in your love for Jesus.
5. What are some of the truths that have made an impact upon your life through this study?

### **For Your Life**

6. Read Romans 14:10-12. If the Lord was to take you home tonight, would you be able to say that you did not waste your life, but lived it for God's kingdom?
7. What do you have to do before your life is over? Pursue it by being motivated by our passionate love for Jesus.

### **Challenge for the Week**

Fast from something this week. This may mean that you fast for one meal, you fast from shopping online, you fast from watching television, you fast from working out, you fast from work (just kidding, your boss may not go for it). Use that time to spend with the Lord in prayer asking Him what He wants you to do as a result of this study. Is there a change in your lifestyle, a change in your spending habits, a change in your view of sin, a change in your heart attitudes, or a change in how you see and love God? Spend that time with the Lord thanking Him that He has chosen you for salvation and to be used for His glory and His kingdom.