

# **Crazy Love — Study Guide**

## **Chapter 10: The Crux of this 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 human nature or flesh.

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 crazy love where Jesus lives in and through you!

**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.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. We've spent the last ten weeks looking at 1 John 4:16. What has you learned about God from this verse? What have you learned about yourself?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The crux of the matter is simply this: it is all about love. Read "The Great Commandments" in Matthew 22:37-40. In what ways have you learned to keep these commandments over the last ten weeks? In what ways do you still need to grow in obedience?

### **For Your Heart**

4. Watch the chapter 10 video online.

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.”*

How has your life made a positive impact upon your church family? Or in what way has your life had a negative or even a neutral impact? What are ways you can begin to positively impact those around you in your church family?

5. Read Romans 8:5-9. How are you living your life according to your flesh? How are you living by the Spirit?

If you really want to live by the Spirit with a crazy love for Jesus, make a list of 5-8 different ways that you can grow in your love for Jesus and others.

### **For Your Life**

6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. We are not physical beings seeking a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a temporary physical experience. Are you living more for this life or the life to come? What can you do to remember that it ain't over – even when it's over?
7. Read Jeremiah 32:18-19 and Romans 14:10-12. Are you ready for judgment day? How can living with a crazy love prepare you for that day?
8. What do you have to do before your life is over? Pursue it by being motivated by our passionate crazy 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 to live out crazy love. Is there change in your life style, 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.