"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, *if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly,* so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

Our lives were never meant to be lived in the <u>safety</u> and <u>security</u> of <u>normal</u> and <u>comfortable!</u>

3 Things to do when you feel like you're settling for 'safe'!

1. Think about your Biblical heritage...

Exodus 5:1 NIV

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go...

Daniel 6:10 NIV

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, *just as he had done before*.

2. Remember your <u>original calling</u>...

Genesis 1:28 NIV

...fill the earth and <u>subdue</u> it. <u>Rule</u> over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

"to conquer and bring into subjection, to vanquish, to bring under control <u>especially by an exertion of the will</u>"

3. Pursue God recklessly...

Genesis 12:1-4 NIV

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him..

"Every man dies. Not every man really lives." Sir William Wallace