

STAGE 3

The Productive Life

Faith is (mostly) about doing the work God has called you to.

How you feel about God

God gives me tasks and responsibilities. I get to pass on to others what I have received from him.

The Temptation

To think it's all about me: start to believe I'm the only one who can do this task (properly), becoming driven by the praise, power and product instead of the calling itself.

To get on with the work and forget the reason (the love of God) that inspired the work in the first place.

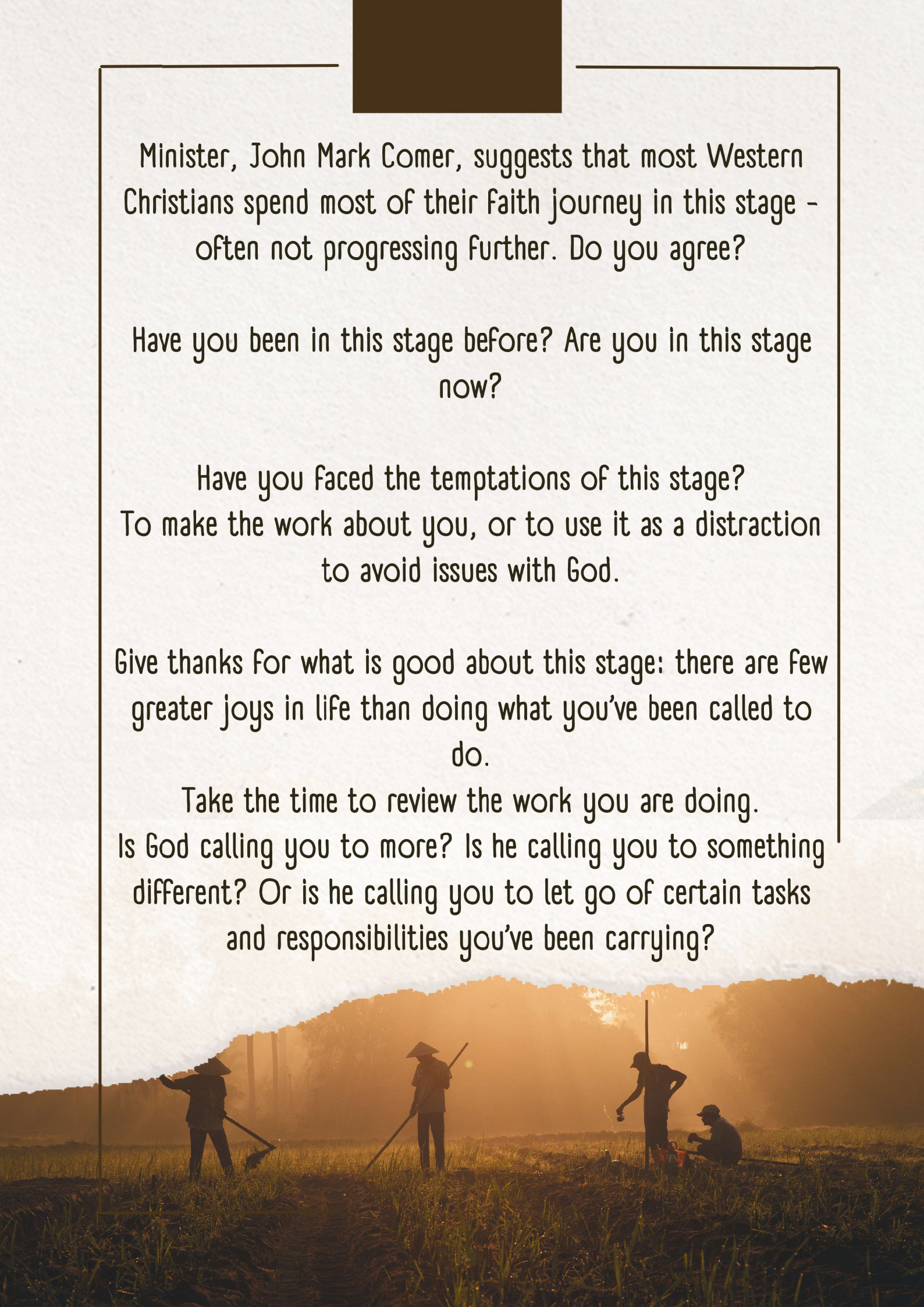
The Response

Acknowledge that God doesn't need you for this work - there are plenty of others who can do this well.

If your work for God has been a way to avoid issues you have with God, slow down, take a step back, seek help and deal with what is going on.

Thank God for the work he gives you and the privilege it is to join him in bringing peace, hope, love and beauty to the world.





Minister, John Mark Comer, suggests that most Western Christians spend most of their faith journey in this stage - often not progressing further. Do you agree?

Have you been in this stage before? Are you in this stage now?

Have you faced the temptations of this stage? To make the work about you, or to use it as a distraction to avoid issues with God.

Give thanks for what is good about this stage: there are few greater joys in life than doing what you've been called to do.

Take the time to review the work you are doing. Is God calling you to more? Is he calling you to something different? Or is he calling you to let go of certain tasks and responsibilities you've been carrying?