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NEWSLETTER

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“VACATION SEASON”



AH, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IS FINALLY ALMOST HERE. WHAT A GREAT TIME OF YEAR. THE KIDS OR GRANDKIDS WILL BE OUT OF SCHOOL AND THE COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING RELAXED. HOW WONDERFUL! THEN TOO WE'VE RECENTLY HAD SUMMER-LIKE TEMPERATURES AND MANY ARE ANXIOUS FOR WARM DAYS IN THE SUN, POOL, GARDEN AND YARD. BUT NO MATTER THE DETAILS, THIS IS THE TRADITIONAL BEGINNING OF “VACATION SEASON”.

YOU MAY HAVE BIG PLANS FOR A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO VISIT ONE OF OUR NATION'S MANY GREAT CITIES, PARKS OR AMUSEMENTS. OR YOU COULD JUST TAKE A FEW DAYS TO BUM AROUND AT THE BEACH OR LAKE. THEN TOO, YOU MIGHT ANTICIPATE A TRIP TO VISIT FAMILY OR FRIENDS. SO WHETHER IT'S A CAMPER, A COTTAGE OR A CONDO AND NO MATTER THE DESTINATION, VACATIONS ARE GREAT.

JESUS REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF VACATIONS. IN MARK 6:32 WE FIND JESUS' ADVISE TO HIS DISCIPLES AFTER AN INTENSE TIME OF MINISTRY. HE INVITED, “COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES TO A SECLUDED PLACE AND REST A WHILE.” (FOR THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE COMING AND GOING, AND THEY DID NOT EVEN HAVE TIME TO EAT.) SURE ENOUGH, JESUS WAS ENCOURAGING A VACATION.

BUT EVEN MORE THAN THAT, JESUS IS A VACATION. IN MATTHEW 11:28-30 JESUS WHISPERS, “COME TO ME, ALL WHO ARE WEARY AND HEAVY-LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART, AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.” THIS IS THE GREATEST VACATION AND AVAILABLE EVERY DAY, EVEN EVERY HOUR AND BEST OF ALL IT'S FREE. YOU WON'T HAVE TO VISIT A WEBSITE, MAKE A DEPOSIT AND TRAVEL ANYWHERE. FROM THE COMFORT OF OUR OWN HOMES WE CAN COME TO JESUS AND FIND REST, NOT ONLY FOR OUR BODIES BUT ALSO FOR OUR SOULS. NOTHING AND NO ONE ELSE CAN DO THAT!

WE CAN'T LIVE AND MINISTER EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT AN OCCASIONAL TIME OF REST AND RELAXATION. SO, THIS SUMMER, TAKE TIME FOR A SEASON OF VACATION. YOU WILL BE FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS. THEN TOO, YOU CAN DAILY TURN TO JESUS AND CONFESS, “I NEED YOUR REST.” I'M SURE YOU'LL LEAVE THAT PRAYER TIME REFRESHED.

LOOKING UP!

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