

Walking with God - Never Alone 4: Rhythm

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...And there was evening, and there was morning...

— **Genesis 1:5**

I. Rhythm - *The Original Organizational Scheme*

Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV) By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Genesis 8:22 (NIV) “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

 **This original scheme is what God called “very good”**

 **It was natural, enjoyable, and doable**

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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.”

II. Paradise Lost — *Falling Out of Rhythm*

 **The two counterfeit organizational schemes:**

● **Chaos** - *A Satanic Scheme*

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV) For God is not a God of disorder but of peace...

● **Balance** - *A Human Scheme*


 **Counterfeit organizational schemes might look okay but they come with a high price**

III. How To Get Back To The Original Scheme — *Six Ways To Enter Rhythm*

 Making a Choice

 Following the Leader

 Rest

 Time with God

● **Mark 9:29** He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer”

 Stop

 Routine

● **Genesis 3:8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day...

● **Deuteronomy 16:16** Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose...

● **Daniel 6:10** 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.

Paradise Lost can be Paradise Found. You can walk with God in natural, enjoyable, doable rhythm.

Watch our TV Program “Growing Closer to God” on NBC 4 Sundays at 12 Noon

This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest Sun Luke 5:1-11; 2 Chron 32-34 Mon Luke 5:12-16; 2 Chron

35-36 Tue Luke 5:17-26; Ezra 1-3 Wed Luke 5:27-32; Ezra 4-7

Thur Luke 5:33-39; Ezra 8-10 Fri Luke 6:1-16; Neh 1-3 Sat Rest