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“ONE THING I HAVE DESIRED OF THE LORD, THAT WILL I SEEK: THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE.”

(PSALM 27:4)



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BECOMING REAL IS THE PROCESS OF
DISCOVERING OUR TRUE IDENTITIES
WITHIN THE LOVE OF GOD.



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LUKE 10:38-42 (NLV)

38 AS THEY WENT ON THEIR WAY, THEY CAME TO A TOWN WHERE A WOMAN NAMED MARTHA LIVED. SHE CARED FOR JESUS IN HER HOME. 39 MARTHA HAD A SISTER NAMED MARY. MARY SAT AT THE FEET OF JESUS AND LISTENED TO ALL HE SAID. 40 MARTHA WAS WORKING HARD GETTING THE SUPPER READY. SHE CAME TO JESUS AND SAID, “DO YOU SEE THAT MY SISTER IS NOT HELPING ME? TELL HER TO HELP ME.” 41 JESUS SAID TO HER, “MARTHA, MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED ABOUT MANY THINGS. 42 ONLY A FEW THINGS ARE IMPORTANT, EVEN JUST ONE. MARY HAS CHOSEN THE GOOD THING. IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.”

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IN OUR CULTURE, WE'VE MADE
BUSYNESS THE BAROMETER OF A
WELL-LIVED LIFE.



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WE CAN WASTE OUR TIME DOING
SPIRITUAL THINGS JUST
AS WELL AS WE CAN WASTE OUR
TIME DOING NOTHING.



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FOR THE HOLY NATION OF GOD IS
NOT FOOD AND DRINK. IT IS BEING
RIGHT WITH GOD. IT IS PEACE
AND JOY GIVEN BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT.
(ROMANS 14:17)

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WE LOSE JOY AND PEACE WHEN WE
LOSE SIGHT OF JESUS.



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PRODUCTIVITY ISN'T
WHAT GOD REQUIRES.

OBEDIENCE IS.



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EVERY MOMENT CONTAINS THE
POTENTIAL TO CARRY US
CLOSER TO GOD.



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JOHN 14:27:

“PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. MY
PEACE I GIVE TO YOU. I DO NOT
GIVE PEACE TO YOU AS THE WORLD
GIVES. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID.”

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WE WASTE TIME WHEN WE SPEND IT
IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR OWN
INTERESTS RATHER THAN
THOSE OF GOD.



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**“AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH
TRANSCENDS ALL
UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD
YOUR HEARTS AND
YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.”
(PHILIPPIANS 4:7)**



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GOD'S PEACE CAN SATURATE A FULL
AND BUSY LIFE, BUT IT CANNOT
CONQUER A CROWDED HEART.



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THERE'S ALWAYS ENOUGH TIME
FOR US TO COMPLETE WHAT GOD
WANTS US TO DO.



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GOD DESIRES FOR US TO BE
CONTENT, JOYFUL, AND AT PEACE.



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GOD DOES EVERYTHING IN THE
UNHURRIED RHYTHM OF GRACE.



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35 VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, JESUS GOT UP, LEFT THE HOUSE AND WENT OFF TO A SOLITARY PLACE, WHERE HE PRAYED. 36 SIMON AND HIS COMPANIONS WENT TO LOOK FOR HIM, 37 AND WHEN THEY FOUND HIM, THEY EXCLAIMED: “EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!” 38 JESUS REPLIED, “LET US GO SOMEWHERE ELSE—TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES—SO I CAN PREACH THERE ALSO. THAT IS WHY I HAVE COME.”

(MARK 1:35-38)

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**“BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM
GOD; I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG
THE NATIONS, I WILL BE EXALTED
IN THE EARTH.”
(PSALM 46:10)**

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STILLNESS IS A QUIETING OF OUR SOULS BEFORE GOD, A REFOCUSING OF OUR LIVES ON GOD, AND THE SHIFTING OF OUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE FUTURE (OR THE PAST) AND ONTO THE PRESENT MOMENT.



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“SILENCE IS SPOKEN HERE.”



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GOD LET ME BE SILENT SO I CAN
HEAR YOU SPEAKING TO ME.



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CEASE STRIVING AND
KNOW THAT I AM GOD.
(PSALM 46:10, NAS)



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IF WE WANT TO CONNECT
WITH GOD, WE NEED TO
TAKE THE TIME TO BE STILL.



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GOD CREATED US AS...
A HUMAN BEING.

NOT A HUMAN DOING.



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BE STILL.

CEASE STRIVING.

LOOK TO JESUS.



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“I REMEMBER THE DAYS OF LONG
AGO; I MEDITATE ON ALL YOUR
WORKS AND CONSIDER WHAT
YOUR HANDS HAVE DONE.”

(PSALM 143:5)



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BECOMING REAL INVOLVES
SEEKING PEACE AMID THE TURMOIL
OF LIFE BY CARVING OUT
TIMES OF STILLNESS AND
REFLECTION AND THEN IMMERSING
THOSE MOMENTS IN THE PURSUIT
OF INTIMACY WITH GOD.



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