

Making Room for Life

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John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the **full**.

Full means: (in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication.

Luke 2:41-49 - Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Luke 4:16 - He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

Matthew 14:23 - After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

To have a rich full life, we need to put the big rock of time with God (seeking) in first.

How? By creating time for:

1. PERSONAL worship.

Pick up a Bible reading plan in the lobby.

2. PUBLIC worship.

Did you know seeking God consistently is connected to being refreshed and renewed?

Colossians 3:5-11 - Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have **put on the new self**, which is being **renewed in knowledge** in the **image** of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, **but Christ is all, and is in all.**

Renew: anakainōō; (a-na'kie-no-oh)–To make like new, to give new strength, to **refresh**, to renovate, to rejuvenate

Put on: enduo (en-doo'-o); To **sink into** clothing, clothe oneself.

What will God renew in you?

1) God will renew your SPIRIT

Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Steadfast: To be firm, to be stable, and to be established.

Psalm 57:7-11 - My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. ⁸ Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. ⁹ I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. ¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. ¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

- **Being refreshed and renewed is INTERNAL.**

2) God will renew your STRENGTH.

Isaiah 40:31 - but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Hope: To wait, to look for, to hope, to expect

When you are connected to the Source, He will renew you. It's not just a physical strength. God can renew your spiritual strength so you can rise above the winds of resistance that come your way when you are refreshed through the Source, which is Christ.