

MARCH 18

“WHEN I STOP WORKING, GOD IS STILL BUSY.”

READ

John 21:1-13, Matthew 11:28-30

The disciples fished all night, but caught nothing. Early the next morning, Jesus stood on the shore, calling, “Caught anything yet?” He told them to cast the net to the right of the boat and they caught more fish than their net could hold. See the repose of Jesus compared to the harried, overworked disciples? Jesus was enjoying the morning, sitting on the shoreline. When He called to them, they were weary, sweaty, and still had a lot of work ahead of them. Jesus simply said, “Let’s eat.” It sounds like He didn’t care about all they had to do. He knew by their own efforts, they were exhausted and needed rest. Have you ever gone home from a hard day’s work saying, “I don’t want to go back. I’m tired. I’m burnt out.” Sure you have! Now this is the brilliance of Jesus: He understands the human body. He knows what it takes to get through life. There are times you have to relax, or you’ll get sick and tired of everything. Some Christians try so hard to please God, they’re burned out spiritually. Can you hear the Lord Jesus speak to your spirit and say, “Come and dine?” Choose to rest in God’s grace, and you’ll see things turn around in your life.

PRAY

Jesus, please help me to rest in You. It’s not about my efforts. Even when I am resting, You are still working. Help me to be still and know that You are God.

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