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COME TO ME... AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST

How to Be Revived

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Life can be exhausting. Perhaps that's why one of the most beloved verses in the Bible contains a promise from Jesus about rest: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). While this promise is issued to "all", I believe it was particularly directed to Jesus' disciples who had just returned from a mission trip. Why would they need a message about rest? Because even though serving God can be fulfilling and exhilarating, it can also be really tiring! Followers of Jesus are not somehow exempt from human limitations. Even Jesus got tired during the busyness of his ministry.

If we allow ourselves to be weary for long, we can begin to burn out and lose our passion for life. While we look forward to heaven (our true home), it is appropriate to have joy here on this side of eternity. In fact, joy is one of the traits of a fruitful Christian. God wants His people to experience a joy and passion in life. Jesus said, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10).

If you've lost your passion for life, you're not really living, but just existing. Here are five steps to becoming "ALIVE" again:

Acknowledge your condition

Jesus told the church in Sardis, "You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead" (Revelation 3:1). Ouch! The truth can hurt. But unless you recognize your condition and go to God with it, you won't get help. If you are burned out and have no joy or passion, face the reality of your situation and begin crying out to the Lord. Acknowledging your weakness is the key to releasing God's power on your behalf: *"Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me"* (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Let go of wrong attitudes

The next step is to examine areas of your life where you have bought into Satan's lies. It's not always the case, but our spiritual weariness can be due to sinful attitudes or habits. The prophet Jeremiah declared, *This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it'"* (Jeremiah 6:16). If you need a spiritual adjustment, take some time to get into God's word and allow the Holy Spirit to be your divine chiropractor. Ask for forgiveness and forgive those who have wronged you. Remember this promise: *Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord* (Acts 3:19).

Invest in rest

Our culture is full of people who are overworked and overstressed. If that describes you, what your soul needs most is for you to slow down and spend time in the living presence of God. God connects the importance of rest to the very creation of the world (he rested on the seventh day). We can read the Bible and pray all we want, but if we don't obey God's command to rest, we will certainly burn out. Jesus calls to us, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink"* (John 7:37). Remember that God loves you and wants time with you, His child. Work on creating a better schedule for yourself that includes space for rest and time with the Lord.

Value your purpose

Passion and purpose go together. If you've lost track of why you're here on Earth, life will become drudgery. Proverbs 29:18 says that, *"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."* What is God's prophetic vision for your life? Do you feel in touch with His purpose for you? If not, begin to seek Him about it. Know that He created you to love you and share a relationship with you. He also wants to do His good work in and through you, transforming you more and more into the likeness of Christ, and using you to be a blessing to others. Much of life can seem like monotony (daily chores and the so-called rat race), but you can find meaning in everything you do. Colossians 3:23 says, *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."*

Entrust yourself to God

Finally, trust that God is not only in control, but also loves you and is with you. Circumstances might seem terrible or hopeless at times, but the story isn't over yet! This is where faith comes in. Joseph told his brothers who had wanted to kill him, *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives"* (Genesis 50:20). Can you trust that God is at work in your circumstances and will bring about ultimate victory? Believe it and begin living like it's true. Spiritual vitality and passion will soon follow!



Daylight Saving Time!

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night, March 9th (yes, you will lose one hour of sleep).

"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice..." (Psalms 5:3)

See you at church!

LET'S GO HIKING!

Enjoy the outdoors?
Want to explore the SCV?
Need some exercise?

EVERY MONTH WE WILL VENTURE OUT TO
DIFFERENT HIKING SPOTS IN OR AROUND THE
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 23 - Vasquez Rocks

April 20 - Quigley Canyon

Meeting in the parking area indicated, **at 10 am,**

For more info call Ginger Ogg at (661) 219-5544



Thank you for your support!
Just over \$1,800 was raised at
the rummage sale for our camp
fund (on a rainy day!)

Dates to Remember

- **March 9 - Daylight Saving Time**
- **March 10 - 101 Class**
- **March 23 - Hiking at Vasquez Rocks, 10 am**
- **April 13 - Church workday**
- **April 19 - Good Friday Service, 7 pm**
- **April 21 - Easter Sunday**
- **April 26-28 - Women's Retreat at Thousand Pines**
- **June 24 -28 - Vacation Bible School**
- **July 6 - 13 - Hopi Reservation Mission Trip**
- **July 21 - 26 - Summer Camp for kids & teens
at Thousand Pines**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 & 11a Worship 9:30a Teen Bible Study	4 10:15a Prayer Meeting 12n Care Meeting	5 6:30p Rooted 6:45p Men's Study	6 6:30p - Stellar Kids Rooted Adult Studies Jr High High School 8:30p Young Adults	7	8 6:30p McCullum Life Grp 7p Rooted 7p High School Game Night at Skateland	9
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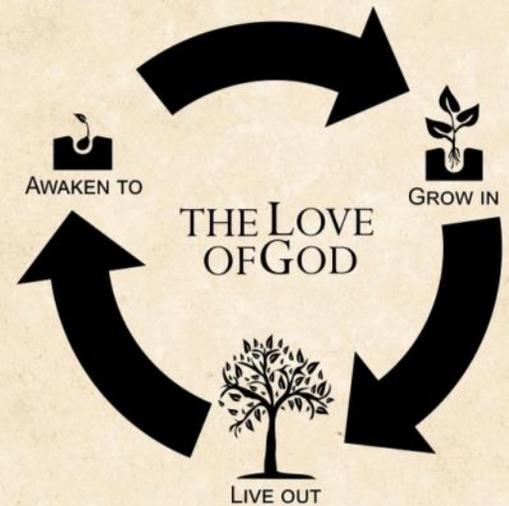
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OUR PURPOSE AS A CHURCH IS TO DO THREE THINGS
REALLY WELL. WE HELP PEOPLE...

AWAKEN TO THE LOVE OF GOD,
GROW IN THE LOVE OF GOD, AND
LIVE OUT THE LOVE OF GOD.



OUR CORE VALUES SUPPORT OUR PURPOSE AND HELP TO
MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND BALANCED MINISTRY.

Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.
- Proverbs 4:23

IT IS OUR AIM THAT THE “HEART” OF BCC'S MINISTRY WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY:

HARVEST VISION – We will keep our eyes on the harvest fields, those who don't yet know God in the sphere of influence He has given us (John 4:35).

EMPOWERED MINISTRY – In order to be a help and blessing to all people, we will operate by the love of God, consistent prayer, excellent training, and the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18).

AUTHENTIC WORSHIP – We will love and honor God by living lifestyles of genuine worship, faith, and Christ-likeness. We will not simply offer our community a philosophy, but will be a place where people can experience genuine encounters with the true and living God (Matthew 22:37).

RELATIONAL COMMITMENT – We will be a dedicated spiritual family, devoted to one another and maintaining a culture of love, grace, and forgiveness (Romans 12:5).

TRUTHFUL TEACHING – Devoted to the truth of God's Word in Scripture, we will present it in a way that makes sense and helps people to grow into spiritually mature disciples (1 Timothy 4:13).