

*The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. Mark 6:30-32 (NIV)*

## **Withdraw**

If ever I needed to withdraw to a quiet and solitary place to be with you, it is right now. **Why is that?** I am absolutely churning inside. I am frustrated. I am discouraged. I am disappointed. There is no doubt that my heart and mind are under attack. I feel like circumstances have conspired against me to rob me of peace and joy. There is no doubt that I am out of whack. Did I mention that I was angry? I shouldn't be as overcome with emotion as I am. I want to shout, "This should not be happening to me!" Do I have so little margin? Do I have so little in reserve that I let what is relatively minor and inconsequential overcome my life? **You are asking very good questions. Maybe you are in a little object lesson. Maybe you are going through exactly what you need.** How so? What lesson do I need to learn? **Answer your own questions.** It is apparent that I don't have a lot in reserve. It is obvious that I do need to withdraw from the craziness and busyness of life. In my own strength, with my own abilities I will not be able to live the life that you have called me to live. Without your help, I will not be the person you have designed me to be. It is crystal clear to me that I need to develop a regular pattern of withdrawing to a quiet and solitary place to be with you. I need to come to rest in your presence. I need to receive your instruction. I need to follow your guidance. Most importantly, I need to allow you to revive and refresh and renew my soul. **You are learning a very valuable lesson. This object lesson that you are in has served you well.** I'll take that.

**How often do you think you will need to withdraw from the busyness and craziness of life to meet with me?** Today, that is an easy question for me to answer. I can't go one whole day without drawing near to you. I need to remain in a close and intimate relationship with you throughout my day. That will start with meeting with you at a special time and in a sacred place so that I can hear from you. I need you to speak into my life. I will need to come to rely on you. I need to listen to you. I will need to receive all that you have for me so I can go and do whatever you ask of me as I live the life you are calling me to live. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I have become weary and worn out by all the busyness of my life in the world. I will withdraw to a quiet and solitary place so that I can be alone with you. Thank you that you will revive, refresh, and renew my life as I come daily to rest in your presence. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Quiet Place*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

NIV      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Quiet Place*

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.

NLT      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Deserted Place*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

NRSV      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Deserted Place*

The apostles [sent out as missionaries] came back and gathered together to Jesus, and told Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them, [As for you] come away by yourselves to a deserted place, and rest a while—for many were [continually] coming and going, and they had not even leisure enough to eat. And they went away in a boat to a solitary place by themselves.

AMP      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Secluded Place*

The apostles \*gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. And He \*said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

NASB      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Desolate Place*

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

ESV      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Deserted Place*

Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. Mark 6:30-32 (NKJV)

NKJV      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Quiet Place*

The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat. So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves.

MSG      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Quieter Spot*

The apostles now returned to Jesus from their tour and told him all they had done and what they had said to the people they visited. Then Jesus suggested, "Let's get away from the crowds for a while and rest." For so many people were coming and going that they scarcely had time to eat. So they left by boat for a quieter spot.

TLB      Mark 6:30-32

**Becoming Like Christ**      *A Lonely Place*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him about all the things they had done and taught. Crowds of people were coming and going so that Jesus and his followers did not even have time to eat. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves, and we will go to a lonely place to get some rest." So they went in a boat by themselves to a lonely place.

NCV      Mark 6:30-32



**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you withdraw to a quiet place so you can be revived, refreshed and renewed by the Lord.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will withdraw to a quiet place so I can be revived, refreshed and renewed by you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to revive, refresh and renew me as I rest in your presence?*

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