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A Quiet Place

Is there somewhere you would rather be? Is there something you would rather do? No, there is no place I would rather be. No, there is nothing I would rather do. I have made this choice. I have left the busyness of life far behind me. I have gladly entered this quiet place to be with you. You have my full attention. I have no distractions. My heart and mind and life are focused entirely on you. **That is very good. What has happened as you have left the busyness of life to enter a quiet place to be with me. I am not primarily talking about right now. Over time what has happened to you because you have chosen to meet with me nearly every day over many years?** What hasn't happened to me? None of my life has been untouched by your hand as I have rested in your presence. **Yes, that is true, but it will be beneficial for you to say out loud what has happened to you as you have drawn near to me.** I agree and I am ready to answer your question. **Go ahead, I am listening.** In your presence, I have grown to love you with all my heart and mind, and strength. In your presence, I have come to know you and follow you and serve you. In your presence, you have revived and refreshed and restored my soul. You have brought your healing to me. You have healed my bruised and battered and broken life. You have made me whole. **Yes, I have done all these things for you as you have quietly and attentively rested in my presence. What else?** You have guarded and guided my life. You have given me a hope filled future. You filled me full of your Holy Spirit so I can shine like a star in the universe for you. Others have been drawn to you because they have seen your life being lived out in and through me. You have made me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Is that it?** Certainly not, I am only scratching the surface describing what you have done, are doing and will do as I withdraw from the busyness of life to quietly meet with you. **That is correct, without a doubt. Will you keep on meeting with me in a quiet place?** Yes Lord, with a joy filled heart that is exactly what I will do. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have worked myself ragged and run myself weary. I have failed to take a break to leave the busyness of life, to go to a quiet place to rest in your presence. Help me to withdraw daily to meet with you. Fully revive and restore my soul in your presence. Amen

Promises*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

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NLT

Mark 6:30-32

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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.

NKJV

Mark 6:30-32

Promises*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

Promises*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

Promises*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

A Quiet Place

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Mark 6:30-31

In Context: *Read Mark 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you made the mistake of being too busy to meet with the Lord in a quiet place?

When has being too busy made you much more susceptible to succumbing to temptations?

Why will you burn out and become unproductive if you fail to rest in the Lord's presence?

Why will your life be fruitless and barren if you fail to develop an intimate relationship with the Lord?

How has leaving the busyness of life to meet with the Lord made you able to receive guidance from Him?

How has finding a quiet place to rest in the Lord's presence revived, refreshed, and restored your soul?

How has your relationship with the Lord grown more intimate as you have met with Him in quiet places?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your daily pattern to leave the busyness of life to rest in the Lord's presence.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that it will be well worth your time and effort to leave the busyness of life to rest in the Lord's presence.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when you leave the busyness of life to rest in the Lord's presence.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

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

May you leave the busyness of life to go to a quiet place to rest in the Lord's presence.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will leave the busyness of life to go to a quiet place to rest in your presence.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you revive and refresh and restore my soul as I come to rest in your presence?
