

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Blake Bastin, Executive Pastor of Ministry and Operations, asked and answered the question, "How do you find rest for your soul?" While current culture says to find rest you need to go deep within yourself and figure out who you are, the fact is, true rest comes from knowing whose you are. When you understand that even though you are not and cannot be holy or righteous enough on your own, but God makes a way for you to be wrapped in his righteousness, then and only then will your soul find rest.

SCRIPTURE

ZECHARIAH 3:1-5 NASB

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right to accuse him. ² And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a log snatched from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was clothed in filthy garments and was standing before the angel. ⁴ And he responded and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your guilt away from you and will clothe you with festive robes." ⁵ Then I said, "Have them put a clean headband on his head." So they put the clean headband on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the Lord was standing by.

LUKE 15:11-24 NASB

¹¹ And He said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.' And so he divided his wealth between them. ¹³ And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living. ¹⁴ Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! ¹⁸ I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.'" ²⁰ So he set out and came to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; ²³ and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let's eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Blake's message?
2. Zechariah 3:1-5. In this vision, who are the main characters and what was their role?
3. What did the stains on Joshua's robe symbolize? How did God handle Satan's accusations? What did the new headband and robe signify?
4. Read Luke 15:11-24. How would you describe the condition of the son as he returned to the father? What was his expectation because of his past actions and current state (who he was)?
5. What did the son find because of whose he was (look at each thing the father does before, during and after he meets up with his son)?
6. From these two passages, how would you describe the difference between finding rest for your soul based on who you are vs. whose you are?
7. What are examples of people today trying to find rest by discovering who they are?
8. If or when you feel unrest because you think you are not worthy of God's love because of who you are, how can you find rest for your soul?
9. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for his perfect plan to make unclean things righteous in his eyes, and for giving true rest to your soul for the mere reason that you are his loved child. Bring all that keeps you at a distance from God - doubt, sin, rebellion, tested faith - whatever it is, bring it to God and confess that this is who you are, and let him remind you whose you are and bring you rest.