THE TEN(DER) COMMANDMENTS Part 4: "Stop! In the Name of Love"

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The Hebrew word "Sabbath" means

"stop." God's desire is that we stop and take time to rest so that we may do the work He has given us. The Sabbath, then, is meant to be a joy, given by God out of love. Yet, in our culture, we all too often neglect this joy for the sake of workaholism. How can we be more intentional about practicing the rest God commands?

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. "

— Exodus 20:8-11 NIV

My Next Step(s):

- When I am weary, I will trust God to give me rest.
- o I will trust that I can obediently rest my body on the Sabbath.
- o I will not only rest physically on the Lord's Day, but I will receive Word & Sacrament.
- o I will recharge my emotions with quiet time, family time, and fellowship.
- $\circ\,$ I will not despise preaching and God's Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear it.

Memory Verse: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

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Exodus 20:10-11

Sabbath:

God's antidote to burnout!

"a day for your soul to catch up with your body."

Sabbath mean: "day of rest"

Then he said to them, "The <u>Sabbath was</u> made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

When is it?

When is it? Once a week



(shabat / shah-bat)

Shabbat / Sabbath

ISAIAH 56:2

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread...

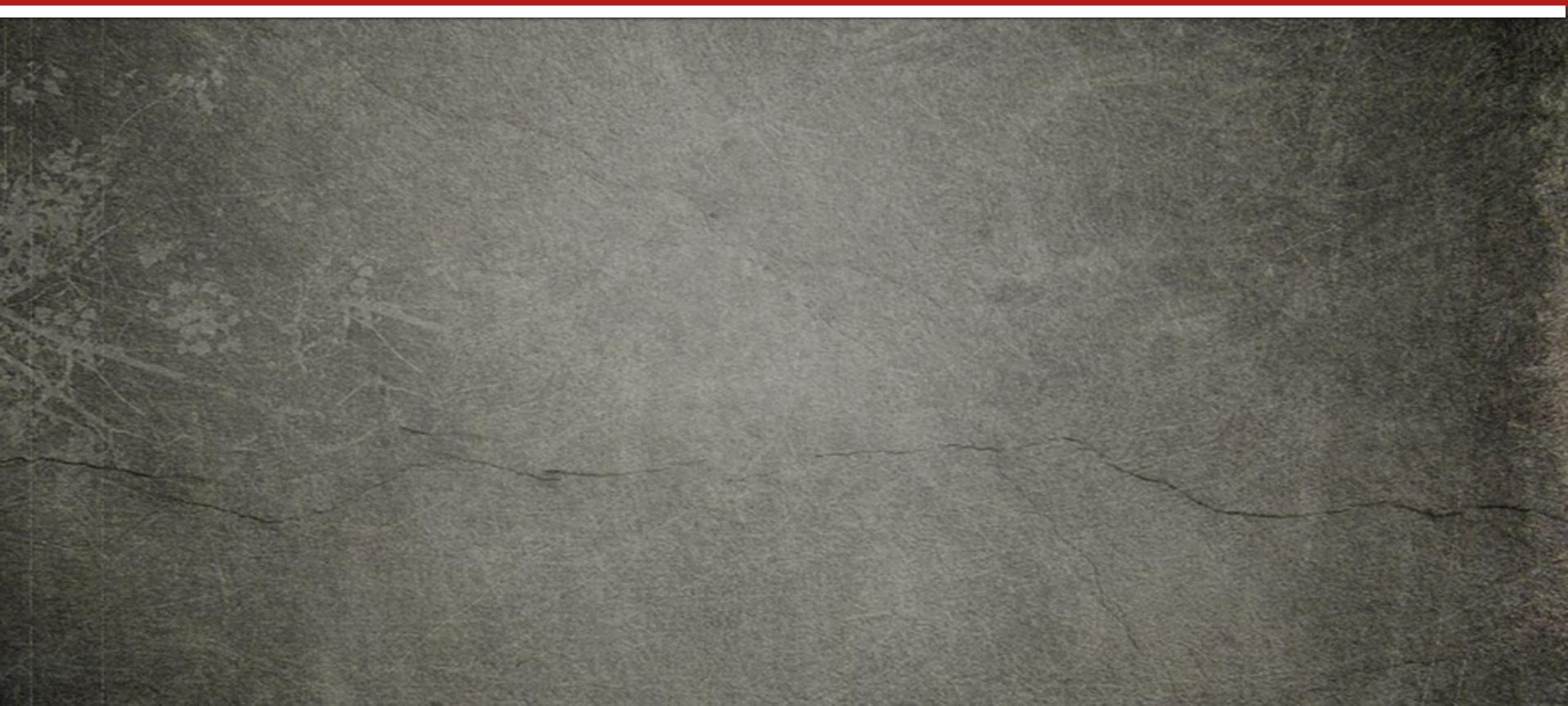
On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord...

How Do I Keep the Sabbath Day Holy?



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USE THE DAY TO: REST MY BODY

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day...

The toil of fools wearies them; they do not know the way to town.

Ecclesiastes 10:15

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures,.

A reluctance to rest is a sign of immaturity and insecurity.

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USE THE DAY TO: RECHARGE MY EMOTIONS

Include time for quietness.

he leads me beside <u>quiet</u> waters, he <u>refreshes</u> my soul.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;.

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 <u>rest</u>."

Include time for family.

Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love...

Ecclesiastes 9:9

A heart at peace gives life to the body...

"WORSHIP + 2"

Include time for <u>fellowship</u> with other believers.

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

I <u>rejoiced</u> with those who said to me, "Let us go to the <u>house of the Lord</u>."

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USE THE DAY TO: RE-FOCUS MY SPIRIT

Come, let us bow down in <u>worship</u>, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we <u>do not</u> despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn It.

- Luther's Small Catechism

you are daily in the dominion of the devil, who ceases neither day nor night to steal unawares upon you, to kindle in your heart unbelief and wicked thoughts against the foregoing and all the commandments. Therefore you must always have God's Word in your heart, upon your lips, and in your ears. But where the heart is idle, and the Word does not sound, he breaks in and has done the damage before we are aware

- Luther's Large Catechism

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their <u>soul</u>? Or what can anyone give in <u>exchange</u> for their <u>soul</u>?

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