

# God with Us...While we Rest

based on Matthew 11:28; John 10:10; Colossians 3:17

*using various Biblical Translations*

Voice 1: Stop and listen to the Word:  
Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens.

**Voice 2: That's me all right – tired, worn out,  
carrying the weight of the world on my shoulders.  
Sometimes I don't know if I can keep on holding everything together.  
I'm just so tired.**

Voice 1: Come to me, all you whose load is heavy,  
who labor and are burdened,  
who are over-burdened... and I will give you rest.

**Voice 2: Rest – give me a break. I don't have time for rest.  
Or sleep, breaks, or naps.  
They just don't fit into my life.  
Rest is a bit of a pipe dream, I think.**

Voice 1: Let me try it another way?  
Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out - even on religion?  
Come to me.  
Get away with me and you'll recover your life.

**Voice 2: Recover my life?  
I never knew I lost my life – but I guess I just don't know  
anymore who I am, or who is God.  
There are so many distractions.  
It's too scary to get in touch with yourself, to face who you are.  
I don't want to take away the distractions and be fully honest.**

Voice 1: Get away with me and you'll recover your life.  
I'll show you how to take a real rest.

**Voice 2: A real rest?  
Ahh. That's too good to be true.**

Voice 1: I came that they may have life,  
and have it abundantly,  
in all its fullness.

**Voice 2: Fullness I know – My life is full with so many things,  
with work and activity, clubs and sports,  
shopping and computers and family and more.  
I'm abundantly busy!**

Voice 1: I came that they may have life,  
and have it more abundantly.

**Voice 2: You mean abundance doesn't equal busyness?**

Voice 1: I came so they can have real and eternal life,  
more and better life than they ever dreamed.

**Voice 2: I dream about a life filled with joy and contentment,  
and a life with time – for relationships, God – real, quality time.  
Is that what abundance is all about?**

Voice 1: And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Voice 2: This is about everything you do?**

Voice 1: Let every word and action, every detail in your lives,  
be done in the name of the Master, Jesus,  
thanking God every step of the way.

**Voice 2: Rest? Abundance? Fullness? Everything? Thanksgiving?  
Hmm... Lord, let me stop and listen.**