

Message Notes

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Work & Rest: A Better Story For Work
Genesis 3:16-19; Ecclesiastes 2:17-23
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- We must _____ these __ God-designed, life-giving rhythms.

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you...By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground....” Genesis 3:17-19

Work Becomes Difficult

- The _____ of _____ entered our world, things fall apart. Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-13
- We _____ by the sweat of our brow, amidst _____ & thistles. Gen 3:17-19
- Working “_____ the _____” can lead to _____. Eccles 2:17-25
- Without _____, work becomes fruitless, _____, selfish, an idol.

What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless. Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

The Christian Story Line

- Is creation, _____, _____ & _____. Rev 21:1-5; 22:3-4
- Jesus came to _____ sin’s curse & live _____ by His Spirit. Gal 2:20; Eph 5:18
- Because He’s making all things _____, we have _____ & a song to sing.
- Now we work _____ His glory & our labor’s not _____. 1Cor10:31; 15:58

So...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Doing Work God’s Way

- Working _____ You & _____ You so all glory goes _____ You.

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