

Rest For A Weary Soul Daily Devotional - Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Praise the Lord and Good Evening,

Deadlines. Yesterday I had to ask about a deadline date for our team. I had an idea of what it might be. I anticipated hearing, "A few days." I learned though it was today. I groaned. There seemed to be no way to meet the deadline.

By mid-afternoon, I learned that the deadline wasn't accurate. It had nothing to do with the team, time frame or even the large amount of work left to complete. Events I knew nothing about (nor did I need to know) were driving the deadline. Relief washed over me. It wasn't as bad as it seemed after all....yes, the work still has to get done and yes, the team members are coming in late, eating through lunch and taking work home to finish the job, but as I sat back and breathed a sigh of relief, I thought about the whole thing.

We don't know what situations are driving the plan God has for us. We know God is behind it all, but we aren't given the details behind everything. It's also a blessing to know that God isn't giving poor information. He doesn't have to consult with anyone. Even though things are going on behind the scenes that I am unaware of (nor will I always know what is happening)....we can rest assured that when God gives information, it's correct. Even though it may look like it's not going to work out, we can rest on His Word! Whether we jump and shout or turn away in disappointment (most of us have been disappointed one one time or another at a Word God gave)...it's still wonderful to know we can put our trust in His Word and His plan. He doesn't send out empty, useless, fruitless, words. God is never wasteful when He speaks. If He said, "You're going to be all right," then you are going to be all right even if every thing around you is going wrong.

God knows the deadlines we've set and those He's set. We may think it's time for this, that or the other to transpire in our lives. But, truly, we don't know what's tied to this, that or the other and the deadline. I know I almost don't want to write this because it seems like a cop out, but it's still true...we must come to the place that we trust God with our "deadlines." He sees the deadline and He knows the urgency you feel in relationship to the deadline. We can either trust God and let Him set our deadlines, or we can worry ourselves to pieces trying to figure out why God isn't heeding our deadlines!

But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job 23:10 KJV)

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.