

# Fresh Oil



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Dear Fellow Servants,

We are approaching a time of nicer weather, slower schedules, and vacation plans. Ah yes, the summer season is finally on the near horizon. The temptation in our Christian faith may be to take it easy and “coast” a little, but that would not be wise. Spiritual batteries need to be recharged, but coasting and sloughing off is not the way to do it.

Our world is constantly coming at us with offers of how to do things quicker, easier, and in less time. That works in some arenas, but not with our faith. A better choice is the ancient path of spending time alone with God in prayer and meditation on His Word. The people in Jeremiah’s day did not heed this advice. Look at Jeremiah 6:16:

***“Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see,  
And ask for the old paths, where the good way is,  
And walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.’  
But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”***

There is so much sadness in this verse of Scripture! A good description of the Bible is to use the term the “old path” or the “ancient path.” By that I do not mean outdated, antiquated, and obsolete. Rather, I mean that the Bible’s message predates modern trends, man-made philosophy, and culture-based wisdom. The Word of God, the Bible, is a timeless and changeless message, but so many choose to ignore it in favour of something new and trendy. In order to recalibrate our spiritual engine we need to step back and spend some extended, quality time in God’s presence. Look at this wonderful invitation from Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30:

***“Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and  
I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn  
From Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you  
Will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and  
My burden is light.”***

WE have 3 summer months ahead of us now before the busy fall season starts. This is a perfect time to dial back on things and intentionally spend some quiet, restful time in prayer and God’s Word. Let’s rediscover the wisdom of the ancient pathway and choose to walk in it. The choice is yours. What will you do with it?

Your fellow servant,

*Pastor Brian*

*... I have been anointed with fresh oil*

PSALM 92:10

