

I'm writing this July devotion in June. School just ended and the last faculty meeting is over. Cumulative files are done and classrooms are empty. Academic year 2014-2015 is in the books. Whew!

Perhaps you've seen this cartoon circulating on social media:



Is this accurate for you? Education is, by nature, a giving profession. We give of ourselves right to the very busy end. (And on a side note, is there really a NON-busy time during the school year? I think not!) By the end of the school year, our tanks are pretty much empty. We've given and given and given, and we've dragged ourselves across the finish line. Now what?

Now it is time rest and refuel. Resting and refueling gives us a chance to re-create and re-connect with who we are and Whose we are.

Jesus set the example for us when it comes to resting and refueling. He often stepped away from the busy-ness of His ministry to re-connect with His Father and He encouraged His disciples to do the same:

*The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. **Mark 6:30-32***

Do your summer plans include time to rest and refuel? My prayer for you is that you will find times and places to do so, and that you will reconnect with Jesus this summer, filling your tank for the ministry to come!

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