

My Favorite Day

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

Ah, summer. As educators, summer means a time of rest. A time where you can sleep in, drink your coffee slowly, catch up on a book, and some have time to get to those projects that are pushed aside during the busy school year.

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Montana for a week of family time and fun. What a blessing it was to see beautiful things, have amazing experiences, and spend unhurried and uninterrupted time with my family and friends. Each day was my favorite and I loved every minute of it. It was truly a special vacation for us.

But I couldn't help thinking, this is going too fast! Instead of enjoying each moment I started to count the days that had already passed, realizing that the days were passing so quickly!

And all of sudden, I had those Sunday night blues. You know that feeling you get when you realize your weekend is almost over and Monday is looming? You start thinking about all that needs to be done in the coming week and the fun memories of the weekend start to fade away. All too often, we get in the trap of rushing through our days and tasks, so that we can check off what has been completed.

So it happens with our faith. Maybe that extra time you reserve each day for prayer, studying scripture or even worship gets forgotten or pushed to another day. While the past is remembered, and the future is hoped for, the present is the most important in our walk with God. Jesus calls us to repent and believe each day of our life. *Now* is the moment of salvation! Don't push that time with God to the next day.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:33-34

Don't let your summer, or your school year, be one long Sunday night. Embrace the busy, embrace the rest. God wants you to enjoy this life he has blessed you with, but don't forget to take Him with you. Focus on God in the present and take the opportunity each and every day for prayer and praise.

I think Winnie the Pooh and Piglet said it best:

"What day is it?" asked Pooh.

"It's today," squeaked Piglet.

"My favorite day," said Pooh.

This is the day that the Lord has made-let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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