



REVITALIZATION

BRINGING LIFE TO DEAD PLACES



1) God's Creation Is Work (Genesis 2:1-3)

² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Genesis 2:2-3





A) God's work is good



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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End." (Revelation 23:13)



B) God limits His work



God wants to revitalize you through rest



What limits have you placed on your work?



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We need to be awakened to the reality that we are not our own provider, but God is our sole provider



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2) God Equips People to Work (Genesis 2:15-22)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:15-22



¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Genesis 2:15-22



- 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.
- 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:15-22





A) Our work is relational



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People are not obstacles, people are helpers

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: ¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12





A relational God chose relational economics for us



B) Our work is dominion

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of
man that You visit him? ⁵ For You have made him a
little lower than the angels, And You have
crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:3-9



⁶ You have made him to have dominion over the works of
Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet,
⁷ All sheep and oxen – Even the beasts of the field,
⁸ The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea
That pass through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our
Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:3-9





You are not called to micromanagement,
you are called to stewardship



God never intended for Adam to work with his hands,
God intended for Adam to work with his words



Mind your words about your
workplace, both the words said aloud
and the words said beneath your breath

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water

James 3:9-12





3) People Fall into Sin at Work **(Genesis 3:17-24)**

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

Genesis 3:17-24



²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”
²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Genesis 3:17-24



²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:17-24





A) Our sin makes work difficult
rather than easy



Confession of sin is the first step in moving away from frustration in your workplace



B) Our sin alienates us from God

²¹ The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Genesis 3:21





The first Adam is revitalized through a true and better Adam, the second and last Adam

For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

Romans 5:15-17



¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:15-17





Revitalized people revitalize their workplace



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