



Pastor's Corner

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Our theme for this year is “Jesus says, ‘Come to Me, and you shall have rest.’” We have special messages on this, camps and events supposedly in response and support to this theme. Come July, we have past the half-way mark of the year, how far or how near are you getting to Jesus? How much and how often you have enjoyed the rest in Jesus? Have we rendered this theme in becoming a slogan, an unattainable dream and an exasperating struggle?

In John 5:39-40, Jesus says, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.”

Jesus had just healed a man who had been sick for 38 years by the pool of Bethesda. It was on a Sabbath day, and thus the Jews and their leaders were agitated to an extent wanting to kill Him (John 5:1-15). These Jews were not at all ignorant to their Bible, they searched the Scriptures, they searched for the answer to have eternal life; they were looking for the Promised One – the Messiah. Yet Jesus said they were unwilling to “come to Him”. This seems conflictory and contradictory.

Richard Blackaby observes, “It is possible to be an expert in the Bible yet be ignorant of Christ. Scripture is not an end in itself. It points us to Christ, who is our life.”¹

Have you been reading your Bible and having devotion daily with an open heart and allowing God to speak to you? When is your last encounter with God in your quiet time? When you are searching or studying your Bible, have you been confronted and convicted by the Holy Spirit of your past wrongdoings? If so, what have you done about them?

The Jews were determined not to know Jesus, because they wanted to approach God and eternal life in their own ways.

Come to Jesus and learn of His humility and His passion for the lost souls. Evangelism and missions are not an assignment but a life – a life that lives out Christ Himself.

¹ Blackaby, Henry and Richard (el et): Blackaby Study Bible – Personal Encounter With God Through His Word. Nelson’s Press, Nashville: 2006.



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教會今年的主題是「主耶穌說：『到我這裡來，你就必得安息』(休息)」。在教會的講壇上，營會以及特別聚會中，我們都聽到了不少的信息和教導。然而七月的來臨，正刻劃了上半年的過去，我們離主耶穌有多遠呢？我們是否已享有在主耶穌裡的平安和休息呢？是否我們已把這主題淪為一個口號而已：一個不能達成的夢想，或一個費氣花力的掙扎？

在約翰福音5:39-40主耶穌說：「你們查考聖經(或作：應當查考聖經)，因你們以為內中有永生；給我作見證的就是這經。然而，你們不肯到**我這裡來得生命。**」

主耶穌剛在畢士大池邊醫治了一個病了三十八年的人。正因那日是安息日，猶太人和他們的領袖十分的憤怒，甚至要殺耶穌(約5:1-15)。這些猶太人並非不熟識聖經，他們查考聖經要尋找永生之道。他們也知道那應許的救主要來。但主耶穌卻說他們是不願意到祂那裡去，令人費解。畢黑比牧師有此見地：「一個專家可以在熟讀聖經之時而忽略了基督。聖經本身並不是一切問題之總結，乃是直指基督，我們生命的主。」

你是否每天用一個向神敞開和讓神向你說話的心去讀經和靈修？你最近一次在靈修中遇見神是在那時呢？在你查考和研讀聖經時，聖靈是否有在指導、督責你？你有否作什麼的回應？

猶太人是刻意的去不認識基督，因他們要用自己的方法去就近神和自己的道路去走永生的路。

來到主耶穌的跟前，學習祂的謙卑和祂對失喪靈魂的焦慮。傳福音和宣教並不是一個重責，乃是基督生命的流露。