



Resting In Doing God's Will

Taken from Shawn's message at the 2018 CARBC Christian Workers Retreat

By Shawn Hull

"Buzz. Buzz. This is the song of the bee; / His legs are yellow, / A jolly good fellow, / And yet a great worker is he." The final line of this old children's song says, "Oh, he may get weary, / And think work is dreary: / 'Tis harder, by far, to have nothing to do."

Some Christians have a fear of nothing to do, thinking we must always be working for Jesus. I want to draw your attention to Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and 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." Jesus invites us to do three things that lead to rest: come, take My yoke, and learn of Me.

In giving the invitation "Come," Jesus is making you a better offer for a different way of living. You are carrying this weight of wondering if God approves of you, if you did enough today for God. But Jesus says, "Come to me and I am going to give you something different. I am going to give you a rest."

When Jesus says, "take My yoke," it is a metaphor for discipleship. Jesus is offering to work alongside us. It's not "I need to work for Jesus." Instead He is saying, "Follow with Me; this is the direction we are going." Jesus is never going to give you a task that He will not be right beside you working. This is what Jesus is offering to do.

Finally, Jesus says, "learn of me." You learn a lot about people by spending time with them, don't you? Jesus has a passion for us. His desire is not to lead by example, but to show us the proper habits we should have—what we should dislike, on what we should spend our time, how we should treat people.

The closer we move to Jesus Christ, the more refreshed we feel. We need to come to Christ because when things get hard, He has a way of refreshing us and helping us. It was Jesus' will to do the will of the Father. So Jesus is inviting you to do the same. Then there is a sense of refreshing, of looking at the end of the day and saying, "I did God's will today."



With The Lord: David Green

David William Green was born April 26, 1938, in Detroit, Mich., to George and Marjorie Green. He died on April 25, 2018, in Los Alamitos, Calif., and celebrated his 80th birthday with Jesus. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 60 years, Wanda; three children; seven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

David was led to the Lord by his mother at 16. He was called to ministry at 30. He attended Detroit Bible College while working full time at his aluminum siding business.

After graduating in 1972, David served as a youth pastor and then an associate pastor in Michigan. In 1975, God moved David and his family to California, where he served as pastor of Hanford Community. As pastor, he was the definition of hard work and dedication and always went above and beyond to guide his flock.

From 1981 to 1991, David served as assistant pastor of First Baptist of Long Beach. During this time, David completed a double major with a Masters of Arts in Counseling and a Doctorate of Ministries from Truth Baptist Bible College and Seminary. Following this, David traveled with Wanda, giving marriage enrichment seminars he developed.

Then in 1994 God called David to pastor Bethel Baptist in Torrance, where he ministered for 22 years to a loving church family. He retired in 2016 at 78, but still continued to minister. Working with Herb Rogers, David preached at churches in Southern California needing pulpit supply. He preached the Sunday before he passed and had his sermon prepared for the following Sunday.

We are certain that on April 25, 2018, David heard the words he always spoke about being excited to hear from our Lord and Savior: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



Pastoral Changes:

Jeff Ruckman to First Baptist, Ducor, as pastor.

Churches Seeking a Pastor:

Western Avenue Baptist, Brawley; First Baptist, Ducor; First Baptist, Petaluma; Community Baptist, Red Bluff; First Baptist, San Dimas; Deaf Baptist, San Jose; Faith Baptist, Strathmore; First Baptist, Wilmington.

Ministry Perspectives:

Political Ministry

by Art Zacher

My trip to Washington, DC, March 11-15, was an opportunity to engage our representatives and senators with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Under the direction of Awake America—Capital Connection, hundreds of American pastors visited all 100 senators and 435 representatives.

My focus was on our local representative, John Garamendi (pictured on the right with me), whom I visited with John Evertson. I had interacted with Rep. Garamendi before, so we were able to talk briefly with him. We prayed with him and for him, and also presented him with a leather bound, gold edged book by Benjamin F. Morris, *The Christian Life and Character of the Institutions of the United States*. I also visited the offices of eight other California congressmen.

As we establish and grow relationships with our representatives and senators, our goal is twofold: leading them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and becoming a voice for legislation that encourages godly living and minimizes the damage caused by ungodly legislation.

My involvement in this began because of my concern for the way California is heading. I started at the state level, calling my area assemblymen and state senators. I would make a point to attend their area meetings. Since I'm usually the only one dressed in a suit, I often stand out. I wear my name tag so they can identify me. I've also visited their offices twice in the last two years. All of this means they are beginning to know who I am. I want to establish relationships with our politicians so I can speak to them, so they know we Christians are not angry farmers with pitchforks. Because of how I've been involved in the past, I now have credibility when I give them an opinion.

It is hard to find a book of the Bible that doesn't mention rulers. Often times, God places some of His people, such as Daniel, next to rulers.

This is a tough ministry; it also can be an expensive ministry, especially with flying to Washington, DC. But it's an important ministry, and it's a ministry someone needs to do. God puts us in places to serve, and He can use anybody. He can use me.

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