# Podcast Worksheet Sabbath Rest: God Says, "Take a Break"

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## Scriptural Texts:

Genesis 2:3; Exodus 16:25-26; 20: 8-11; Isaiah 58:13-14; Luke 4:16; Hebrews 4:9-11

### **Main Points:**

- 1. When we honor the Lord by stopping our work one day, he makes the other six days go better.
- 2. God says the Sabbath belongs to him, that it is a holy and sacred day.
- 3. Ceasing from our work on the Sabbath is an act of obedience and devotion to God. It reflects our love for him and is part of our worship.
- 4. While most people find Sunday works best for their Sabbath rest, it can be any day of the week.
- 5. God finished creating the universe in six days, therefore, we can finish our work in six days, too.
- 6. Even though we are not under Levitical law, the Sabbath law still applies, as do all ten commandments. Jesus honored the Sabbath and the New Testament affirms it, as well.
- 7. When we ignore the Sabbath, we withhold the rest our brains and bodies need to recover and remain healthy, leading to a negative cascade of physical issues.
- 8. Honoring the Sabbath comes from a heart attitude, not a list of rules.
- 9. We need to subtract doing chores and our regular work on the Sabbath while, at the same time, adding worship, helping others, rest, recreation, and time with God, family, and friends.
- 10. It's a consistent principle of God's that we never use everything for ourselves, i.e. time, money, gifts, resources. Sharing a portion acknowledges that we trust God to meet our needs.
- 11. The Sabbath is a blessed day, meaning God uses it to bring joy and delight to our lives.

## Questions:

- 1. What are your habits and patterns on the Sabbath? Are they honoring to God?
- 2. What is/has been your attitude toward the Sabbath?
- 3. Do you think God would like you to make changes in how you observe the Sabbath? If so, how?

## Prayer of Response:

Lord God, I want to honor you in every aspect of my life, including how I observe the Sabbath. Please redirect my thoughts and my heart in how I approach this. I choose to use the Sabbath in ways that reflect my respect, honor, and love for you. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to \_\_\_\_\_