

COME AWAY WITH ME

Summer often arrives with a sigh of relief as the pace of life begins to slow. After months of investing in students, supporting colleagues, meeting deadlines, and navigating challenges, educators welcome the opportunity to rest. However, summer is more than a break from work; it is an invitation from Jesus Himself. We are invited to a place of renewal in His presence. What Jesus told His fatigued disciples in the first century is what Jesus still says to weary servants today.

Read [Mark 6:30-32](#).

What had the disciples been doing before they returned to Jesus? What invitation did Jesus give them?

Like educators, the disciples had been busy serving and ministering to others. Notice what Jesus did not say. He did not tell them to try harder, push through their exhaustion, or immediately move on to the next assignment. Instead, He said, "*Come with me* by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Jesus knew that rest alone would not be enough. What the disciples needed most was time in His presence. Only He can provide the renewal our souls need. The invitation of summer is to rest with Jesus. ***What might this look like for you?***

Read [John 15:4-5](#).

What does Jesus say is necessary for bearing fruit? According to these verses, what can we accomplish apart from Him?

Perhaps this season is less about doing and more about abiding. Spend time in God's Word. Take walks and talk with Him. Sit quietly in prayer. Reflect on His faithfulness throughout the past year. Allow Him to refresh your perspective, restore your joy, and remind you why He called you to education in the first place. The most important thing to do this summer is not to cross items off a to-do list. Rather, it is to take time to draw closer to Jesus. ***What is one intentional step you can take this week to spend unhurried time with Christ?***

The same Jesus who called the disciples away from the crowds is calling you today. He sees your weariness. He knows you poured yourself out this past school year. He understands the challenges you faced and the demands that await you next year. His invitation remains the same: "Come away with Me." If you spend time with Him this summer, you will return to school in August refreshed by the One who called you, equipped by the One who sustains you, and encouraged by the One who promises to go with you every step of the way.

Father, thank You for inviting me into Your presence. During this summer season, help me slow down and make space for You. Renew my heart, restore my joy, and deepen my relationship with You. May I learn to abide in You and find my strength in Your presence. Prepare me for the season ahead and remind me daily that my greatest need is not more productivity but more of You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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