



THE DAILY

BIBLE STUDY FROM NEWPOINTE

Tuesday, October 25 – Sustenance

BOTTOM LINE: Grace is receiving what we need, not what we deserve.

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”’ But wisdom is proved right by her actions.” Matthew 11:18-19

Have you ever noticed that throughout the gospels, Jesus seems to set the pace? He doesn’t let people set it for Him. Jesus took His time. He went on walks. He went away to pray. He healed for as long as He felt like it. He spent time with people and didn’t rush to the next thing. Such a pace is foreign to us.

In our disciple-making, we will always reproduce who we are. If we are hurried and frazzled, we will make disciples who are hurried and frazzled. Jesus took time because He was sustained by a deep, abiding experience of grace. Because Jesus did not find His ultimate purpose in something other than God, He was mastered by nothing but God Himself.

Think about it. The reason we are hurried is often not for good reason. Yes, we have constraints on our time, things to do, kids to pick up, and so forth, but Jesus let God define His agenda and found rest and purpose in doing so. Resting in God will not relieve us of all our earthly responsibilities, but it will allow us to relax because the things we choose are the things that are the most important to God. It is clear that Jesus valued other people and a certain pace of lifestyle. Yet at other times, He moved and acted quickly. In both circumstances, Jesus’ pace was determined by grace. Is yours?

- What changes about your priorities when you give them over to God?
- Is there something you need to add to or take off your plate?
- Praise God for His sustaining grace.