



# Lessons for Life

## **Rest**

He Restores My Soul – 3

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"He restores my soul" Psalms 23:3 (ESV)

### **HOW GOD OFFERS US REST**

#### **1. I Rest When I Let Go of My GUILT**

"My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear... I am bowed down and brought low; all day long I go about mourning."

Psalms 38:4, 6 (NIV)

"The Lord gave us a mind and a conscience. We cannot hide from ourselves." Proverbs 20:27 (GN)

"All of us have sinned... yet God declares us 'not guilty' IF we trust in Jesus Christ, who in mercy freely takes away our sins." Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

"He has forgiven ALL your sins. He has utterly wiped out the evidence of broken commandments which always hung over our heads, and completely annulled it by nailing it to the cross!"  
Colossians 2:13-14 (PH)

## 2. I Rest When I Let Go of My GRUDGE

"Lord, have mercy, because I am in misery. My eyes are weak from so much crying, and my whole being is tired from grief." Psalm 31:9 (NCV)

### 3 THINGS TO DO: 2 Samuel 12

- ACCEPT what cannot be changed

"Then David got up from the ground... He said, 'While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept ... But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back to life?' 2 Samuel 12:22-23 (NIV)

- DEDICATE it, don't exaggerate it

"After he had washed, put on lotions, and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshipped. 2 Samuel 12:20 (NIV)

- **Recognize God isn't THROUGH with you**

"Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon."

2 Samuel 12:24 (NKJV)

"To all who mourn...he will give: beauty for ashes; joy instead of mourning; praise instead of heaviness." Isaiah 61:3 (LB)

### **3. I rest When I Leave the REVENGE to God**

"To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do." Job 5:2 (GN)

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger."

Job 18:4 (GN)

"Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for He has said He will repay those who deserve it." Romans 12:19 (LB)

"Get rid of all bitterness...forgiving each other just as God has forgiven you through Christ."

Ephesians 4:31-32 (GN)

"Put your heart right, reach out to God... then face the world again, firm and courageous. Then all your troubles will fade from your memory, like floods that are past and remembered no more."

Job 11:13-16 (GN)