



Making Room





The theme of the holidays!

“I’m late, I’m late for a very important date,
no time to say hello, goodbye.
I’m late, I’m late, I’m late, and when I wave,
I lose the time I save.”

— White Rabbit in the Disney musical
“Alice in Wonderland”

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People in a rush are less likely to help others and themselves.



Externally

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Mark 1:29-39

- 29 And immediately He left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her.
- 31 And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

32 That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.

33 And the whole city was together at the door.

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36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him,

37 and they found Him and said to Him,
“Everyone is looking for you.”

38 And He said to them,
*“Let us go on to the next towns,
that I may preach there also,
for that is why I came out.”*

39 And He went throughout all Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.



Internally

Psalm 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I am God.

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6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters His voice, the earth melts.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has
brought desolations on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted
among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our
fortress. *Selah*

Psalm 46:1-11

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives
way, though the mountains be moved into the heart
of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the
mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved,
God will help her when morning dawns.

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So....therefore....what now?

What would it take to carve out some time and space in your life so that you are prepared to be fully present when you are called into action?

What would it take to carve out some time and space in your life so that you are prepared to be fully present when you are called into action?

How will you engage God in the midst of your tumultuous world
to cease striving,
to stop fighting,
to wake-up,
to stop fearing,
to acknowledge God for who He is,
to be in awe of what He has done,.....
to internally be still and know God deeply?



...for others!



...for the unexpected!



...for forgiveness!



...for God!