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For Sunday, April 12th
"Work & Rest"

Leviticus 25:1-7 – NIV

¹ The Lord said to Moses at Mount Sinai, ² "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord. ³ For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴ But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. ⁵ Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. ⁶ Whatever the land yields during the sabbath year will be food for you—for yourself, your male and female servants, and the hired worker and temporary resident who live among you, ⁷ as well as for your livestock and the wild animals in your land. Whatever the land produces may be eaten.

Mark 6:30-32 – NIV

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

Takeaway: We are not defined by what we produce.

Questions:

1. What is one thing you enjoy about your work (however you'd like to define work — current or past employment, a role at home or with your family, a place where you volunteer, etc.)?
2. If you had a completely free day (a day without expectations or responsibilities), how would you spend it?
3. Reflect on Mark 6:30-32. The disciples return and bring a report. Why do you think they felt the need to share the report with Jesus? What does Jesus' response reveal about finding rest in the midst of meaningful work?
4. Reflect on Leviticus 25:1-7. What fears might have surfaced as the Israelites lived out this command? Where do we see those sorts of fears in our lives today?

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