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Last Chance to Register for GREECE

Don't miss out, register for the March Break- Art History tour to Greece—including visiting some of the places Paul went on his missionary trips.

Register by November 11th, at WWW.EFTOURS.com/students. The cost is amazingly low for all you get. Contact Prof. Colburn for more information: tcoburn@epic.edu or 916-348-4689, ext 219.

At the Feet of Jesus, by R.J. Young

“Mama, I’m hungry.”

Martha smiled at the child. “I know sweetheart, but we must make sure that everything is perfect for supper.”

“Who’s here for supper?”

“Remember that friend of Uncle Lazarus? The one who let you climb on his lap, and gave you a blessing?”

“You mean Jesus? Jesus is here? Jesus is here! Jesus is here!”

“Yes, and we want everything to be perfect for supper, so scoot on out of the kitchen, and let me get back to work.” As the child scrambled from the room, Martha sighed. Where was that sister of hers? Peering into the front room Martha spotted Mary sitting at the feet of the rabbi.

“Mary, could I get some help?” Martha called sweetly to her sister.

“Just a moment,” Mary replied. “I want to hear what Jesus is saying.”

“We have company for dinner. I need some help.” Martha’s patience was wearing thin.

“Just a moment dear sister.”

That’s it! Martha fumed. I invited Jesus and his followers here, but I expected that my sister would be here to do at least some of the work. She just sits there, while I slave away with the preparations.

Martha approached Jesus, “Lord?” she asked, “Don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” Jesus said, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Martha smiled. Not a triumphant, arrogant smile of one who had gotten her way, but the sweet, gentile smile of a content child, cherishing a complement. Without a word, Martha went back to work. Perhaps after supper she, too, would take a moment to sit and be still at the feet of Jesus.

I QUIT by Sonia Kotko

“Just forget it?” How many times have you heard a person say that when they are faced with a difficult situation or decision? No matter what I have endured, gone through or have faced the words “I QUIT” have never been part of my vocabulary, at least in the sense of “giving up, throwing in the towel or someone else can deal with it.” Recently, however, I have found myself feeling a little overwhelmed with the things going on around me. Just the other night while sitting in front of the computer and spanning its infinite pages I came across a blog by a Pastor Steve Banning about “Quitting.” It was just what I needed at that moment. God knows all that we go through and He sends us what we need when we need it. That night was the night that I needed to read these words by Pastor Steve, He summed it all up when he said “I QUIT.” Then he went on to explain:

“I QUIT TODAY

I QUIT Complaining

I QUIT being Negative

I QUIT Procrastinating

I QUIT making Excuses

I QUIT being Undisciplined

I QUIT taking the Easy Road

I QUIT Blaming Others for My Condition

I QUIT neglecting Reading the Word of God

I QUIT being Content Sitting on the Sidelines of Life

I QUIT allowing Fear to Hinder Me from Blessings by Refusing to Tithe

I QUIT Excusing Myself from Accepting a place of Ministry within the Church “

After reading this, I do, “I QUIT!” I am going to get rid of all those things that hinder me from serving the Lord as I should. I am going to live that example of a Christian life just as Jesus called me to do. Today is the day that I give it all away to God. I am letting Him take control and use me to do the mighty things that I have been called to do and to bring glory to His kingdom.

Will you join me today? Will you also be a “QUITTER?” Will you let go of the things that have a hold of you in a negative way and reach out and take that leap of faith to let God lead.



Letter to the Editor

I enjoyed the article "Jesus Interrupted" by Cassandra Friday. Good job!

Prof. Leon Stansfield



AND GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY...
BECAUSE... HE HAD RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK.

APPARENTLY HE
WASN'T VOLUNTEERING AT
THE LOCAL CHURCH...



Find Your Sabbath

By Cassandra Friday

How often when someone asks you, “How are you today?” do you reply with a sigh and the word, “Tired”? I receive and give that answer a majority of the time. When you think about it, it’s the truth. We’re only being honest. We go, go, go everyday: Work, school, homework, ministry, relationships—and somewhere in between we get a few hours of sleep and eat on the go. We work hard. When are we ever going to get a well-deserved break?

I am told all the time that I stretch myself too thin, that I need to take a vacation, and that I need to stop stressing and relax a little. My mind immediately agrees and then jumps to the conclusion that I simply don’t have the ability or the luxury. I have to work so many hours a week to pay my bills; I have to take a certain number of units to graduate within a certain time period if I ever want to start my career. My social life barely exists and my personal “me” time simply doesn’t—except while commuting alone in the car. I keep waiting for the day when my alarm will go off in the morning and I will refuse to get out of bed because I will be too tired of it all. Will all of my responsibilities survive one

day without me? Probably, but I don’t want to hit the point where I would have to find out.

I am absolutely positive I am not the only one who feels this way. God did not intend for us to do this to ourselves. That’s why he gave us the Sabbath, the day of rest. “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done” (Genesis 2:2-3, NIV). “Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest” (Exodus 34:21).

Let’s be honest, we can’t always give ourselves an entire day every week anymore, but I’m sure we can find *some time somewhere* in our busy schedules. It’s important to take that break, that breather, that “me” time to refresh ourselves for what’s ahead of us. God has a great plan. He doesn’t want to see us get discouraged and tired; he wants to see us succeed and take joy in the work and progress we’ve made thus far. So take heart, and remember you are doing all of this for a purpose—and don’t forget to enjoy yourself a little bit here and there.



Father God,
Thank you for all of your provisions and blessings. Please continue to bless the students, staff, faculty, and friends of EPIC Bible College.

Epic Miracle Makeover Update:

PRAISE GOD, OUR BUILDING PERMIT WAS FILED 11-1-11!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

God's Presence: The guidance of the Lord on all County staff reviewing the permits, and to expedite the process.

God's Partners: Blessings of wisdom and provision on the following contractors serving in demolition, air conditioning, electrical, framing of walls, plumbing, and flooring: Brad, Terry, Mike, John, John, Mike, Paul, Alan and Russ.

God's Provision: That all our giving partners--new and previous--will respond to help meet the \$350,000 need to remodel and restore.



Photos of staff, students and supporters of EPIC at the recent Friends' Banquet.



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