

## Grace-Based Relationships: Crazy Busy

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### Scripture References:

- 1 Kings 20:38-40, *MSG*
- Mark 4:14-19, *MSG*
- Luke 2:41-45, *MSG*
- Matthew 11:28-30, *MSG*
- Luke 10:38-42, *MSG*

### Summary:

*The world has a way of distracting us and pulling us in every direction. Sometimes we can get so busy and preoccupied with other things that we forget what we've been assigned by God to do. Our external environment pushes us to speed up the pace of our lives, but doing so creates undue stress and can cause us to lose focus on what is really important. Being careful to keep our priorities in line with God's Word keeps us centered so that our lives do not spin out of control; prioritizing correctly is the difference between a life of anxiety and frustration and a life of peace.*

### Notes:

1. The assignment God gives us should be our top priority, not what the world tells us. We can become so preoccupied with earthly matters that we forget what should take precedence in our lives.
2. We must beware of getting so busy that we get caught up in a whirlwind of activities.
3. When we get overwhelmed and burned out because of our lifestyle, we need to slow down and watch how *Jesus* lived. He wants us to discover the unforced rhythms of grace. We need to let Him, not the world, set our priorities and the pace of our lives.
4. It is vital to periodically stop and ask ourselves if we are trying to do too much. We must ask ourselves whether our busyness honors God or is simply a temptation to fuel our own pride.

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