

## **Reframe...Connecting Faith & Life! (Part #8)**

### **The Secret To Joy**

**-Joyful Living!**

#### **What Steals Our Joy?**

**\*Bad Theology Of Work And Rest!**

**\*Bad Practices Of Work And Rest!**

#### **What Brings Joy?**

**Encounter Jesus, Holy Spirit Infused Life,**

**Restorative/Redemptive/Meaningful/Purposeful  
Work...Sabbath Rest!**

#### **Mark 2:27-28**

Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

"He who wants to enter the holiness of the day must first lay down the profanity of clattering commerce, of being yoked to toil. He must go away from the screech of dissonant days, from the nervousness and fury of the desire to acquire and the betrayal in embezzling his own life. He must say farewell to manual work and learn to understand that the world has already been created and will survive without the help of man. Six days a week we wrestle with the world, wringing profit from the earth; on the Sabbath we especially care for the seed of eternity planted in the soul. The world has our hands, but our soul belongs to Someone Else. Six days a week we seek to dominate the world, on the seventh day we try to dominate the self."

— Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath

## **\*Sabbath Intentionally Includes**

### **Connection & Disconnection!**

**John 15:1-11** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

<sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>**I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."**

### **\*Sabbath Ruthlessly Breaks The Chains Of Idolatry In Our Lives!**

"Unless one learns how to relish the taste of Sabbath ... one will be unable to enjoy the taste of eternity in the world to come." It was on the seventh day that God gave the world a soul, and "[the world's] survival depends upon the holiness of the seventh day."

— Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Sabbath

### **\*It Is A Slippery Slope To Say...**

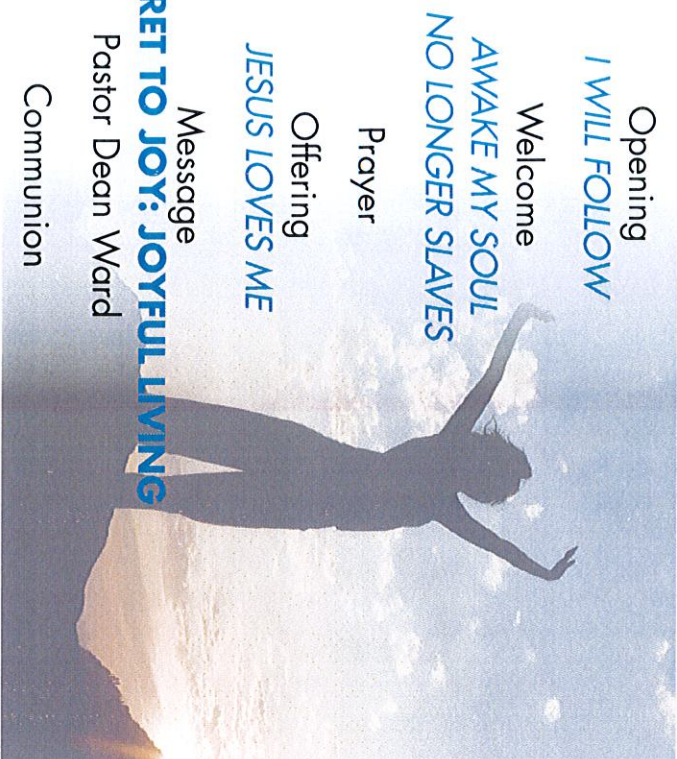
**"It's Ok Not To Have A Sabbath!"**

**Work & Keep A Sabbath...**

**Live With Joy!**

# JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, February 26th, 2017



Opening  
**I WILL FOLLOW**

Welcome  
**AWAKE MY SOUL  
NO LONGER SLAVES**

Prayer  
**JESUS LOVES ME**

Offering  
**JESUS LOVES ME**

Message  
**THE SECRET TO JOY: JOYFUL LIVING**

Pastor Dean Ward

Communion

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

PART 8

# REFRAME

Connecting Faith & Life

## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

	\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
January 29th	\$4,992.62	266
February 5th	\$7,938.49	303
February 12th	\$5,210.90	257
February 19th	\$8,857.06	328

# UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday February 26	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday March 5	Services 9:30am & 11:15am
Monday February 27	Philippians Cyber Study 9pm on Facebook Live or Skype	Wednesday March 8	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Level 6-8pm
Wednesday March 1	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Level 6-8pm	Thursday March 9	MOPS 9:30-11:30am Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Thursday March 2	Bible Study 6:30-8pm	<div>Like! us on Facebook</div> <div>Check out our website!</div>	
Saturday March 4	Dinner & A Movie: The Shack @ 5:30pm BR&K & Cranberry Cinemas		

MARCH 18

**REVERSE THE CURSE MEN'S CONFERENCE**

@ SAXONBURG MEMORIAL CHURCH 8AM-3PM

MAY 13

**REFRAME INTENSIVE DAY**

WITH STEVE GABER - LOCATION & DETAILS TO COME

CYBER STUDY



EVERY OTHER MONDAY  
**9PM PHILIPPIANS**  
BEGINNING FEB 13TH

JOIN US

Facebook LIVE

skype

www.facebook.com/therivernewheights

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

Family • Fellowship • Faith

6:30-8pm

Beginning January 11th

REFRAME

See faith differently

A powerful 8-week film-based exploration of what it means to follow Christ in the modern era.

BRING THE KIDS!

Nursery & Preschool programs are available

Good MEMS Open to kids in grades K-6

**THE RIVER'S EDGE YOUTH GROUP**

Open to youth grades 7-12

Youth Pastor Brian Becker 724-594-7394

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.

Wednesdays 6-8pm