



*Set this year apart as holy, a time to proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan. Leviticus 25:10*

For us, this sabbatical is a reset. We can prioritize spending time with special friends, spending extra time in God's Word, and reading books for fun and personal enjoyment rather than as an assignment. And while we're not taking a full year, three months feels like a long time. So far Jenny has completed a few puzzles and John has worked on some home improvement projects. We attended a symphony concert and have plans to travel to see Jerusha in Australia.

But there is something more important going on. Sure, there are still the regular activities that one engages in as a part of life. But taking time away from work allows us to reflect upon God's goodness and blessing. As much as we want to think our jobs need us - maybe they do not. Our professor friends are motivated adults - they are perfectly able to take up the gospel cause on campus without us for a time.

This week our professor friend Josh initiated our every other Wednesday gathering. The group was small, but still they met and were blessed. In the meantime, John went to the gym and Jenny spent time with the 2 year-old granddaughter. Perfect!

Our sabbatical is a proclamation of freedom - not so much from work but from the panic and stress that often accompanies our work lives. God is the One who ultimately sustains all of us. He is the One we look to for results and help. Jesus said, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you." (Matthew 6:33). So we will.

Thank you for helping us serve the Lord. Together we're making a difference.

