

# REST IN GOD

## MALACHI 3:6-12

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God RESTORES our FAITH as we learn to REST in Him.

We learn to REST in God, when we...

1. REMEMBER - God's UNCHANGING NATURE and faithfulness (3:6)
2. EXAMINE our HEARTS – REPENT and RETURN to Him (3:7)
3. SUBMIT to God's WORD (3:8-9)
4. TRUST God's PROMISES of blessing and PROTECTION (3:10-12)

# FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

## Remember-

1. How is God being faithful in your life right now? (even in your struggles)  
Ps 136, Lam 3:22-23
2. When we REST in God, we build our faith. Identify/discuss your biggest challenge to resting in God when discouraged? What's your greatest encouragement? (i.e. Remember, Examine, Submit, Trust) Malachi 3:6-12
3. What encourages you most about God's unchanging nature (immutability)?  
(i.e. His unchanging perfections (holiness), purpose, promises) Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, Numbers 23:19-20, Ezekiel 24:14, 2 Tim 1:9
4. How do you understand God's immutability when at times it seems like He has "changed His mind"? (i.e. Exodus 32:7-14, 1 Sam 15:11)

## Examine –

5. Is 1 John 1:9 a regular habit for you in your Christian walk? Why or why not? Is this a promise you struggle with? Do you have accountability in your life that encourages you in your faith? (Proverbs 27:17, Hebrews 10:23-25)

## Submit-

6. Is the act of giving an important discipleship habit? Do you see this practice as an act of obedience? Why or why not?
7. What are some reasons the NT stresses the importance of giving? (Rom 6:23, Phil. 2:6-9, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 16:13, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5, Matthew 6:21, Acts 2:44-45, 1 John 3:17, Galatians 6:9-10, Romans 10:14-15, Acts 11:27-30, 2 Cor. 8-9)
8. What keeps us from giving more to God...?

## Trust –

9. What are some of your favorite promises of God that encourage you most in your faith? (2 Peter 1:3, John 5:24, 1 John 2:25, Romans 8:38-39, Rom 8:32)

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