

The Potter's House Family Worship Center will be holding "SOAKING PARTIES ON SUNDAY EVENINGS IN JUNE..."

Does that sound strange to you? It shouldn't. We need to learn how to soak in God's presence. God gave me an illustration last week regarding soaking. He had me take a piece of steak and marinate it. One piece of the steak I marinated in Heinz 57 sauce and spices. The other piece I soaked in vinegar. The point being that the flavor of the steak was influenced by what it soaked in. The flavor of our lives is affected by what we soak in. Are we soaking in bitterness, sports, jobs, worry, or something else? John and Carol Arnott from the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship have coined the phrase "soaking" but I want you to know it is not their phrase. It is a biblical principle. I have listed below several scriptures that relay this principle to us. I have also given some definitions to terms that relate to soaking.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to **lie down** in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul." (Psalm 23:1-3)

"...Meditate within your heart on you bed, and **be still**." (Psalm 4:4)

"For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and **rest** you shall be saved; In **quietness** and confidence shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15)

"**Rest** in the Lord, and **wait** patiently for Him." (Psalm 37:7)

"**Wait** on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; **Wait**, I say, on the Lord." (Psalm 27:14)

"But whoever **listens** to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil." (Proverbs 1:33)

"And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat** at Jesus' feet and heard His word." (Luke 10:39)

"Be **still** and know that I am God."

Other Scriptures to Read: Isaiah 40:29-31; Hebrews 4:9-11; Isaiah 55:1-3)

Key – Word Dictionary Definitions

Soak – to become thoroughly wet, or saturated by immersion, to drink excessively, to become drunk, to take in, to soak up.

Lie down – to place oneself or be in a prostrate position in order to rest. To accept without protest or opposition.

Quiet - to be untroubled, free from activities, distractions, still, calm.

Rest - to relax from exertion, or labor, repose, sleep, a pause or interval.

Listen – to concentrate on hearing something, take heed, pay attention.

Wait – to stay in one place, or remain inactive in expectation of something.

Come to the party this Sunday June 10th @ 5:30 pm in the Furnace Prayer Room. We will have a half hour sharing about "Soaking in God" and then begin the party...

Have a great week,

Pastor Ron