



WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

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Focus | This week, Pastor Robert returned from his sabbatical and shared what God taught him about how He moves when we rest.

Fun Open What did you do on your summer vacation?

Review Key Scriptures: Genesis 2:2–3, 35:1; Romans 6:23

1. I rested.

Taking a sabbatical requires trust and obedience. Gateway trusted God as they gave away millions to those in need, but God miraculously replenished Gateway's funds with more. For Pastor Robert, he learned sleep apnea was keeping him from resting fully.

2. I recovered.

It took a year for Pastor Robert to recover physically from his near-death experience. This sabbatical helped him recover mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. During this time, God healed Robert's heart from sorrow that he didn't die and experience heaven fully. God showed him why he's still here—to further the gospel.

3. I renewed.

God renewed His call on Robert's life. He showed Pastor Robert that he is supposed to stay at Gateway and further affect the body of Christ through Genesis 35:1—the same verse that led him to start Gateway Church. This is a new season for the church, for the body of Christ. Breakthrough is coming!

Group Dynamics Idea As Pastor Robert discussed, sometimes rest is play. This month, try to plan a physical-distanced activity for your group to do something fun. Maybe plan a picnic in a park or a visit to the zoo together!

- Discuss**
1. What do you need rest from?
 2. Discuss how God rested after creation. How can you rest each week?
 3. If comfortable, discuss any traumas you've experienced and how you can recover physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
 4. Discuss God's call on your life. How can you dig into Scripture and discover what He wants for this next season?
 5. Discuss how God has been preparing you for the next season. What breakthroughs are on the horizon for the church, for you, for your family?

**Take
Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Rest from trials and battles.
- Recover physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Renew God's call on your life.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for the Sabbath each week. Help us to follow the rhythm of life You have created and given us. Lord, we ask You to speak into the hearts of Your people, renew Your call on our lives, and give us a vision for the future You have planned. Help us walk forward with confidence that we are Your children, surrounded by Your heavenly hosts. Guide us through, around, and over any barriers to claim Your territory and bring Your kingdom to earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip If you need prayer, text your need to 71010. If you are struggling with your group, please reach out to the Gateway Groups staff for help. Gateway Conference is coming up October 26–27 as well and is a great time of renewal and ministry! Remind your group to register for this free, online conference at gatewayconference.com.