

Rest and Risk Quotes

Sabbath (rest) is an act of defiance against evil and a deep act of trust in God to do what he will most assuredly do. **Gordon T. Smith, *Called To Be Saints***

Self-care is meant to sustain us in the battle, not become an excuse to avoid the battle. We hear it all the time: You deserve comfort. You deserve perfect health. You deserve this and that. These statements are simply not true. Nor are they helpful. Would anyone dare say these words to a soldier in battle? Would you say them to a political prisoner? Or a sailor in the midst of a vicious storm? When the focus is on ourselves, this pursuit of what we deserve makes sense. But when we step back and look at the wider battle, then this grasping after safety and comfort seems ridiculous. Only the bigger picture gives meaning to our suffering. Like the metaphorical ship in a harbor—yes there is safety to be found in calm waters. But our ships were never built to float idle in a harbor. These ships were built to sail the wild seas. And at times, our vessels will be battered by relentless storms. Along the way, a few of us will probably be lost overboard. That's the hard truth. So what does God promise through these trials? His promise is simply this: He will never leave us or stop loving us. That's all. But it's enough. **Craig Greenfield** <https://relevantmagazine.com/god/no-safest-place-isnt-center-gods-will>

Followers of Jesus must learn to “double major” in both courage and wisdom. People often lean toward being courageous and yet they often lack wisdom; or, they possess wisdom, but exhibit very little courage. **Wisdom without courage is riskless. Courage without wisdom is reckless. But wisdom and courage together is priceless.** This should shape the nature and essence of our prayers. **J.R. Briggs** <https://outreachmagazine.com/interviews/22455-jr-briggs.html>

The one who loves flies, runs, and is glad; he is free and not bound. He gives all for all, and has all in all, because he rests in one who is supreme above all things, from whom every good thing flows and goes forth. **Thomas A Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ***