



DAY 2



MY ASSIGNMENT

**Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:10-11

I've always liked spy movies. I think it's the intrigue, adventure, and the idea of playing a key role in the fight between good versus evil. In these movies, part of the plot usually includes an agent checking in with the handler, who has knowledge of the full scenario and will share what is needed to advance the strategy of the "good guys". And spoiler alert: the agent is the hero, and the good guys always win!

This is a great storyline for an epic movie. But a question for you: Have you ever treated the Lord like a handler? Maybe that's a leap, but seriously, there have been times I have had to confess to the Lord that I am coming to Him, expectant that He will give me my "next mission should I choose to accept it". I've got a friend who is ill, a family member with anxiety, a coworker dealing with grief, a troublesome job situation, a financial burden. And then, I find myself saying, "okay, Lord, what's my assignment?"

But this kind of routine is burdensome. It's far too much for us to handle. And He knows this. The Lord never intended to be our handler, when it comes to the trouble in our lives.

He calls himself our Father, a very good Dad. And He is inviting us to be still and get exactly what our souls need. He wants us to read His Word, which is alive and transformative. He wants us to hear His voice as He cares for us. That's what we need. It does not mean a life without adventure, and many times, it's not without a few 'good versus evil' battles up close. But He, who already has victory and is the lover of our souls, can fill us up with peace, rest, joy, and love we so desperately need.

How are you approaching your relationship with the Lord? Have you been feeling weary?

This year may have you in a troublesome place.
Be still and know our God.

Lord, we are here. You are our loving Father and the ultimate Overcomer. We need all You have for us. Amen.

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