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Tired at the end of the day?

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When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. (Luke 9: 1-6)

Jesus trusts those who have answered His call. They must trust in Jesus, not basing their security on human certainties. Many Christians complain that they arrive home in the evening very tired. The problem is not the accumulated exhaustion we feel, but whether we are actually tired of doing our will or God's will. If we have fulfilled life's major duties (as a wife, husband, parent, child, priest, member of the church, etc.) then our weariness will be rewarded in heaven. If, on the other hand, our tiredness is due to following our passions and the will of the world, then we will have laboured in vain. If, in the end, we have escaped the fatigue of fulfilling our daily duties, then we will have rested well in this life, but we will have buried the talents that God had entrusted to us to put to good use.