

The Yoke of Jesus

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Brian Guerin's sermon emphasizes the importance of coming to Jesus to find rest and learn to carry His yoke in a childlike manner.

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Description

Brian Guerin emphasizes the significance of accepting the yoke of Jesus, as described in Matthew 11:28-30, which invites those who are weary to find rest in Him. He explains that coming to Jesus requires a childlike faith, turning away from distractions to interface intimately with Him. Guerin highlights that while burdens may not be removed, Jesus provides the strength to carry them through His yoke, which is easy and light. He encourages believers to cultivate a consistent practice of coming to Jesus, taking His yoke, and learning from His humble character to experience true rest and peace. The sermon concludes with a prayer for the congregation to embrace this lifestyle of dependency on Christ.

Transcript

I want to talk to you this morning, just real briefly, about the yoke of Jesus. You know, the famous passage, Matthew 11, verses 28 through 30, the yoke of Jesus. We'd hopefully get better at wearing that one and getting out of our own.

So I'll read it and then we'll just kind of see where we go. Jesus here, red letters, says, Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. I love if you back up to 25, you know, he was hitting all kinds of stuff, but when he goes to jump into this, come to me, right before he kind of prefaces it with, at that time Jesus answered and said, I thank you, Father. It kind of goes into a prayer.

Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in your sight, all things have been delivered to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son reveals to him wills to reveal him. Then he goes, come to me, all who are weary, you know, heavy laden.

I love that he starts it off with like, thank you, God, that you hid this from the wise and only reveal it to babes. Meaning what he's about to go into, we've got to become childlike to enter the kingdom. As soon as we start thinking, we've got to figure it out and put our man's wisdom on it is the exact juncture in life where you start getting outside of the yoke of Jesus.

And I pray to make us more childlike, that we'd walk in the kingdom. But I love that he prefaces it with that. And then our main one here at 28, I just want to kind of go through it slow, talk to you from my heart, see where it goes.

And in my mind, it worked. Okay. But in the natural, if it's a disaster, forgive me ahead of time, I'm going to try and use the drum cage as a secret place.

So if the mic doesn't work in there, then just know I did not hear the Lord on my display. But I love visuals sometimes with those stuff on the led wall, but I want to emphasize this coming to him. I feel like these three words, you could do a series on and I could see it working as a visual.

So I don't know if the microphone working there. So this has not been tested. Okay.

First come to me. Jesus says this, right? We'll get into all the next, but that word, just to slow down and dig through it and hopefully adhere our life better to it. That word come means come away, turn away.

That word to means to award, but not only that, listen to this, to interface. It's so big, man. This is, if we get this, like life works this way, the way set it up for whatever reason we think we're wise and know better.

And we go out our entire life, a believer, but we don't do these simple things well. And we're always heavy in toil, burden, things like this, but it'd be like this, say like Kristen, which we're going to get y'all to share one time. I just found out yesterday, Eva and Kristen amazing billings for years, woman of God, but a testimony in here was crazy.

Was it a, what was it was healed liver? Yeah. Like regenerative liver happening. The doctors are shocked.

They're not, that's not supposed to happen. And it was something else, not chromes, but, um, oh, chrome print. Oh, wait, wait, go ahead.

Yes. She's here. How is it? Oh, she's in the balcony.

What was it? Yeah. Come on Jesus. Wow.

We're going to get her to share that one time. I was just wrecked. Oh, wow.

Wow. They had set up a surgery apparently to reattach something, but when they went to go into the surgery, it was reattached. It's like going totally creative.

Yeah. Wow. So, but like, like say, say Kristen, you know, is, is the Lord.

So, and we're going to go back to the word come away and, and, and two, but two is, is toward, I love, um, Stevie touched, touched on this Friday, but it also means local, uh, proximity. There's so much in that little word, two letters T T O towards local proximity to Jesus. This is so massive.

And to me, the, the nearer you are in proximity, everything changes. This is when you start getting into the yoke of the Lord and, uh, but tour and to interface, meaning your eyes are locked in the Lord. How many

of you know, sometimes you can be around the Lord in church every week around believers around his word, but you're not really locking in with the Lord.

You can be in the secret place and you're not interfacing with him, your minds elsewhere. You ever been at like a restaurant with somebody and you're eating and they're like on their phone and they just assumed be in Europe. They're not there.

Do you know what I'm talking about? You're like, you didn't hear what I said, you know, like go back to my meal. And then I've actually done that a million times. So I can get it.

Like, please forgive me. I was, I was somewhere else. But, um, so this, if I just pray that we'd get simple like a child and be like, Oh yeah, you know what Jesus is basically saying here that like, I don't have a clue and my ways don't work as soon as I think I've got it figured out on how it should be.

Like, that's not a good road to get on. And we become like a babe. You reveal it to babes, to children, childlike.

So, but it's so easy too. Cause all you'll see here, we have to do is come to him, take his yoke. There's, there is, um, dependency on our, our part though, take his yoke and learn.

And I look at them as these deeper tears and knowing him. And if we can hopefully do all three well on a consistent basis. Oh my gosh.

The enemy's like, stop them now. But even this first step of just coming to him, this intimate place of coming away, turning away, we're getting kind of legal brother. You know, I, um, there's something about the secret place.

I'm telling you this, I'm going to get in the drum cage in a little bit and let's pray it works. But there's something about it, you know, cause some people say, well, I'm just always, he's in me. I'm always with the Lord throughout the day.

And that's awesome. And do that. Please hear me.

I get it. Kingdom of heaven is within you. He'll never leave you.

Don't forsake you. Ephesians two, six received in heavenly places on all these things. But Jesus is sitting here saying, I'm telling you right now, you've still got to come and turn away to toward interface.

It's got to be intentional focus locked in me, not us, not them, not they, not we, me, Jesus only everything changes here. Cause we love to ride off the corporate rate wave. And we had a conference this weekend.

We should, Oh my gosh, 3000 got saved on the X two. I mean, we love it corporate as well, but I'm telling you right now, especially with where the days are heading. If we don't get this and live a life that's really here.

And I love what I love about this too. This is where nobody sees, you don't get a pat on the back, a cookie, you know, like I like to say, you guys like Oreos double stuff. Yeah.

I'll tell you a little glitch. I do don't eat them often, but when I do, if, if somebody happens to get the regular ones, it's okay. Bless them.

But when they're not looking, when they're not looking, what you can do is you twist to open chunk the other half double stuff. You know what I mean? The icing stick. Yeah.

And then you're, you're in glory anyway, but you know, it's like nobody sees there. No, no cookie pound on the back and, uh, and towards interface, like very intentional. Sometimes, you know, many of us know that can be difficult.

We get distracted in life, especially this day and age, super busy. Um, I would encourage you more and more to find what you can do away with just on purpose. Go at it.

The social media bullhorn. That's always in my ear. Where's the batteries to that thing? That's a nine volt.

Pull it out. Any other voices, the things that rattle that place to where you can't come turn away and be toward an interface with no distractions. And then to me, I love that because it's so singular.

If you keep reading, he says, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. You know, think it's very one-on-one and this is so vital.

You say, well, I'm in the, I'm busy. I'm in the marketplace. Then all the more you got to do this.

That's what I love. This verse applies to everybody. I don't care if you're buying a pulpit or not.

None of that matters. It's just coming to him. And, uh, but singular, this is why I love, um, Matthew six, six says, go into the closet and shut the door.

You know why it says a closet is because nobody else can fit in there. Just you and him come to me, me only. We've got to do this.

And look, if we're honest, sometimes extroverts have a problem with this, you know, it's like, because they recharge around people, introverts are like, Oh yeah, I'll lock up and be forever. Give me a book. It's raining outside.

You don't want to be around people. And, uh, depending on your wiring system and they're both, they're all awesome and God and good. But what I love to help some of the extroverts is realize when you step in the secret place, the father, the son, the Holy spirit, myriads of angels, you know, so you're charging, but you've got to, got to come away to be with him.

But Matthew six, six, I'm going to the closet, shut the door, not the kitchen plus closets. Nobody, it's, there's nothing going on in there ever to get clothes and leave what you could teach on that is what you wear and, you know, who'd you take on and, and, but not don't go into the clock, the kitchen and shut the door. If you even have one to your kitchen, don't go into the living room.

Too much noise, too busy. Too many people can fit in there to me. Come to me, uh, shut the door behind you, the closet, um, the secret place.

Uh, I love, let's go to, um, song of Solomon two 14. Oh yeah. Um, song of Solomon two 14.

Um, watch this one. Look, I'll go into the, we'll do this now. Please hear me through the mic.

Hey, I'm telling you, this thing is glorious. Stillness galore. Tell me if you can still hear me.

Can you hear me? No way. This is crazy. I can barely hear you guys.

So, so watch this. You can really hear me. So look, come away.

Nobody else can fit in here. I'm telling you, we're going to, I feel like, I feel like y'all can't hear me. I got to come out here.

But, uh, I'm telling you, we need to start charging for the secret place in this thing. It's totally silent, but come away. Shut the door behind you.

Got to shut the door. Okay. Song of Solomon two 14.

This is the Lord talking to us. Oh my dove in the cliffs of the rock in the, listen to this secret places of the cliff. Let me see your face.

There's that toward that interface. Let me hear your voice for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely. Is there a seat here? There's a fan in here.

That's amazing. It's, it's chilly in there, but, and I might go back and we'll see, but this, this turning away, you know what I mean? This lifestyle of like, this is where we major, um, come away, turn away. Cause a lot of times I was like, yeah, I came to the Lord.

I was in Walmart busy and man, I'm just with the Lord. I'm talking to him. That's not what this is.

This has come toward interface. No other distractions, no other voices. And I love that even here.

Song of Solomon two 14. Oh my dove in the cliffs of the rock, hidden place. Same thing as the closet.

Nobody's there. It's not busy. We've got to just right now stop in our life really? Because if we don't do this, it's going to be another message we hear and we're going to get busy again.

Um, I love that. Uh, you all know Bob Jones. He had these like, was it a hundred year prophecy? I'm not sure he would see in 10 year increments and not that you sit there and build everything off of it.

We built off the word, but it's interesting. The prophetic can confirm what the Lord is doing often. And he saw like 2000 the year of this in decades, 2010 year of his glory, something like that.

2020 the year of his rest. And remember what hit 2020 shut the world down. He prophesied that way long ago.

And, um, but what will happen is if we're not careful, we get busy again and start doing the thing. And we don't get really good at, because this is totally the Matthew 11 has dependency trigger points in there that are fully on us. Just like I talked about the waterfall of his word with the bridegroom paradigm Friday.

It's a relationship. There's always a relating, a cooperating, and we've got to come to him, come away toward interface. But this clefts of the rock and watches in the secret places, they're secret.

They're not open to the public. Nobody's there. There is nobody else there.

They're secret. The secret places that the cliff that word cliff there. If you study it, it's a very high up, hard and narrow place to get to a cliff, meaning nobody's there.

That's where the Lord loves to interface and lock in with us. And this is what he's saying here. Come to me.

I'll go, go back to Matthew 11. So may we, before I move on, just really set it. Look, the word is truth.

Whatever your ideologies have been up to this point, I don't know how they're working for you, but the word works. And Jesus says, come to me. May we be masters at this? This is, these are the things you want to major on in life.

Minor on the minors, but this is a major pillar in the life of a Christian. Come to me and may we find and create a space. Look, I've shared this often wherever we move.

We've moved a lot over the years. One of my first and greatest investments in a home is my, my coming away to him. God, I have a place secret.

I'll soundproof do all kinds of things. Put strands on, dim the lights, make it just so special and precious. That's the most valuable, valuable thing you do every day is, is come to him and let your life be built around that outside of that, but come to me all you who labor.

I love that because it's all it's, you know, it's for everybody, all in Greeks, all you study, it's pretty, pretty complex. But to me, it's amazing because that's extended to all of humanity, but all you who labor and are heavy laden that were labor there means toil both mentally and physically. And, and look, I love just this passage alone only talks about labor toil mentally and physically heavy burdened.

And how do you live a life that, that never comes under that again, because you're, you now take on the yoke of the Lord. How do you do that? You come to him, but there's so many other scripture. You want to bear fruit in life, abide in him.

You want to live in a glory bubble while the world's in shambles, which is where it's, it's going with the bride looking more beautiful than ever before. It's going to both kind of simultaneously deep darkness, Isaiah 60, and the glory is going to shine on the, on the earth, the bride, but that's Psalm 91. He who dwells in the secret places of the most, it's all there.

This is just one beautiful doorway into entering rest, the toil and the, the labor, the heavy burden coming off of you and the living a life in arrest. There's so many others though, like you want to, you need wisdom and revelation. Oh, that's in the spirit of the knowledge of him, knowing him intimate.

It's all there. You can literally hit it from any angle, but we're just kind of touching on this narrative this morning, all who labor. So it's mentally and physically, how do you know? Most of us, I feel like in today's society are weary in toil.

Most of the time, mentally, it just happens through time in your soul. Have you ever been on a vacation? You came back more burnt out than ever, man. That's, that's why the only true rest, the only one, really, you can be fooled by whatever you want.

The Bible's truth though. The only authentic rest is in him. It's it.

I'm not even really interested in it. We know we hardly ever even take him anywhere on time, but like, I love them. Go on.

I'm sorry. Please hear me. Love family.

Do your, you know, do your vacations. But I'm meaning it. Even a vacation, if I have no place to lock up, I'm thinking me, I'm thinking disaster.

I'm like, everything in me is like, that's going to be miserable. But what about the waves and the seagulls? If he's not there, man, I like all of a sudden, I just can't stand seagulls, you know, but if he's there, I'm like seagulls are the best bird on planet earth. He's the rest.

So, so the, a lot of the toil and weary in this day and age is mental and physical. That's what that word is. It's in the soul and there's no way to get rid of it outside of being in him, coming to him.

It's not going to happen. You can do all your 12 steps of this, read a book that it doesn't matter unless it's this book, but it's coming to him. It would gotta be this way.

And you start to see it in what we'll see here. Um, let me just go ahead and point it out and I'll try and pick up, um, come to me. All you who, uh, who labor and are heavy lead laden, that word means overloaded, weighed down, a lot of burden on you.

And I will give you rest. I love what he says here. You never see anywhere in here that Jesus says, come to me and I'll take that from you and you won't have it in your life anymore.

He actually usually doesn't remove the issues that cause the toil and the burden. He just gives you a rest in it. It's a big difference.

He will sometimes, but often it's, it's the matter of walking through what you're still walking through, but with his yoke on you and not your own. And so you never see anywhere in here where he's like, I'll tell you what, let me just remove that. And this actually the call of, of the gospel and just destiny, regardless of the Lord, you typically find yourself in greater what could be toil and burden.

Jesus sweat, you know, uh, sweat drops of blood take this cup away from me. So people don't see that part to it, but yet his yoke is easy and his burden is light. And so it's, I love that he's highlighting that because often we think if we just come to him, he'll remove the issues of life, but that's, if you're alive, toil and burden is, is in your path.

You guys know what I mean? You're not getting rid of that. So that that's, I just think we look at this, um, backwards. Sometimes he's talking about giving us the ability and rest to go through it.

I was thinking about this, the difference between, um, you know, our yoke versus wearing his, just say like, you'll actually not even see anything change in life often, but your ability to go through it drastically changes. And so that tells me a lot when I start getting around people and they're always heavy burdened, overloaded, weighed down, toil, they're not coming to him. You can take it to the bank.

That's the problem. But no, it's just so much the way to, and the half of it I'm here, I'm like, that is light work. I'm telling you when the call of God increases the weight and responsibility, if you don't come to him, you will break, you'll fall fast.

And that's why we've got to learn this because people are like, man, I want to, I'm going to do so much for God. And I'm knowing the weight that comes with that, the burden. If you don't learn to wear his yoke by coming to him, you will, you will crumble.

So it's not so much about trying to find a way where, where the heavy load is not there. It's coming to him to go through the load. And so, uh, I liken it to this with the, um, you ever been to a grocery store and you get a horrific grocery cart.

That's like one of my greatest pet peeves on the planet. My kids will tell you, I'll sit there at the section. I'll just, I'll pick through them.

I just, before I go through that whole store, I'll sit there and check the wheels. And I'm like one of those guys. I'm like, no, no, sure.

You want that one? Sure. And I'm checking them, you know? And, uh, and I'm just being honest. Walmart's notorious.

I don't know why I feel like their carts have had a hundred thousand miles on all of them. And so there's a little wisdom tip for you. I've learned over the years is you got to look at the wheels.

It's all in the wheels. They got ropes hanging off the wheels and they're cracked and all. I was like, no way, not a chance.

Cause you're thinking about going every hour and it's pulling, you know, versus, you know, and then, uh, Kroger sometimes has some pretty nice. I'm just being honest. I love all the stores.

Forgive me, Lord or bless them. But, but it's the same thing. You're walking through the store, getting the same things, paying the same price, but you can have a cart where you just touch it with your finger.

You turn it, you know what I mean? You're just, that's the yoke of the Lord. You get a Walmart a hundred thousand miler with broken wheels. That's your yoke.

And that's what happens. Say, and then if you've ever done this, it's already really bad. And then you put a case of waters in it, because the water in it, the weight, it like bears down further on the wheels.

You can't even turn it. And, uh, so it's not so much the price paid in everyday life, the choices, what you've got to walk through anyway. Um, the weight of what you're carrying, it's the yoke of the Lord by coming to him.

And it just makes things easier. Then all of a sudden you come to him and the things that used to, uh, be that way, the way they were to you, they're just not that way anymore. And you can carry more, you know, it's kind of like, um, um, like Popeye spinach, you know what I mean? And she's the same, but you come to him and it just gives you the strength, this, this rest you walk in.

Cause look, Jesus, even they were so busy at times. So it's not, I just think sometimes we think, Oh, my schedule will get lighter and all this stuff or things will get easier. But what happens actually, if you keep following the Lord, I touched on it earlier, you, you die a close pastor, actually Michael Miller, he wouldn't care, but, uh, amazing honor him to know him, uh, leader upper room.

We were talking one day at a conference, you know, a call and, and, uh, and he was talking about just the life of ministry. He says, Oh, you'll die a thousand deaths. I was like, Oh yeah, he's right.

So you want to follow Jesus. Oh yeah. Unless the Colonel a week dies, life will never come.

So it's not about the easier path. You want the narrow one. You want the costly one.

You want to die to you and take up your cross. But it's in it, learning to be so good at coming to him, which is actually what I love about that. There's nothing good other than just choosing, meaning he, everything that's good and lovely and perfect is him.

You can't even be like, I'm so good at coming to him. Like that's foolish. It's just, you know, your desperate need, you need him.

And they would be so, um, apt to just so addicted to this place of just coming away. You've got to, but so-and-so text me with, you got to shut things down. You got to say, no, you got to just find pockets where you just block it out.

The distractions of life and keep coming away, do this real well. And everything else is, is Kroger baskets. Just, but then you get to the people next to the, with the horrible cart.

And you're like, man, you got the same exact groceries I do, but they're like, and they're turning and the heavy toil burdened, frustrated. So you guys hear me. It's the same.

Often people that come to him can carry even more weight load and don't even, you start to just not even notice for care because you just came out of the secret place with him. You're dripping with him and he can, he can give you more, um, load, but he says, and I will give you a rest. So it's not so much taking away the toil or the burden.

It's, it's actually giving you a rest in it. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. I love this.

This is where the obedience comes into play. So the coming to him is the obedient part. I mean, the intimate part, sorry, coming to him, interface, deep, deep intimacy.

But when we then take on the yoke of the Lord, now it's, it's obedience yieldedness. So a lot of people will come to him and do their best there, which is amazing. That's light years ahead of the most.

But then when he starts saying, I need you to get lower now and, and let me leave this thing. You die to you. It takes obedience and a yielded life.

And this is where a lot of people stop. Cause you notice, I love that the yoke getting easy and the burden lights not till the end after all three steps. So the lightest that can be in life and the easiest and following the Lord is once we come to him, take upon his yoke.

And then while we're taking his yoke and walking with him, learning from him, we've got to come to him, take up, take his yoke, his ditch yours. It's the Walmart basket. Uh, and learn, learn.

And this is another one too. We don't do and have all been guilty of, but come to him, got to look, just set it in stone. This is me and my family for me and my family.

This is it. Let your kids find, you know, if they're real young, you know, you probably do it corporately together and teach them because it'll just be off coloring on the wall or something in the room. But as I get older, teach me like he's the bread of life.

I'm telling you right now, we need him. He's everything. And uh, and then from that though, the yield to life of obedience, taking his yoke, look, I don't want mine anymore.

I don't, I don't want to be the wise group earlier that things get hidden from. I want to be a babe that you want to be a child. I don't need to know how I don't want to know how I don't care where are we going? I actually, I don't care where you just, you're there.

Praise God. So you get low and take his yoke upon you and then learn. And I love this.

Watch what he points out here. He says, uh, take my yoke upon you. That's the obedient part with God.

Obey. Just, just don't even ask anymore. Just do it.

Just do your best because when you come to him, that's where you find, you hear his voice. We saw that song with Solomon too. Look at my face, hear my voice.

And uh, he's actually talking to us there, but when he speaks, that's where you then learn the clear obedience and you follow. But he says, uh, take my yoke upon you and learn from me. Disciple means a learned one, one that learns.

And he says, for I am gentle and lowly at heart. I love this. So you're like, learn from you.

Okay. Learn what Lord, how the, how to, and the, the better ways to step and go through life in favor. He actually highlights, learn from me about me becoming like me.

Not even so much the how to just becoming like me. This is so big. Meaning you'd think you'd be like, take my yoke upon me.

Almost like if you're training somebody in say basketball, my man Porter was incredible, bro. You know, I was thinking about you that you were a shooting big before they got popular. Anybody that knows sports, the bigs in our, our age group, we're all dunking and stuff like that.

Porter can shoot threes, man from deep. Not that you care, but I think it's amazing. Okay.

But say, say like, like Porter's teaching somebody, you know, basketball and you would think, learn from me, my dribble moves. And this is how you, whatever, you know, I know enough about it, but, but Jesus here is saying, learn from me. He's got a ball in his hand and he just puts it off to the side.

He goes, look at my character become like me. I'm lowly. He talks about his nature.

And this is where the light yoke and the easy bird and all this stuff starts coming into play. It's not even so much the how to is the learning him and to become like him. And he says, I am gentle and lowly in heart.

That's basically saying humble twice the same, you know, in a different way. It's like saying skinny and thin those words there mean meek and humble, which only the Lord can get away with that. You know, saying you're humble and you really are because it's truth.

It's just, it's not an arrogant statement. It's just truth. But he's basically saying, look, come to me, take my yoke upon you and learn from me, meaning become like me.

Then the know-how and the favor and the butter and when, and all that will just come naturally, but learn from me. And I love the place. I love that.

The place of, um, that which was toiled before and a heavy burden overload and weighed down how you shift that into light and easy on the yoke of the Lord is becoming meek and humble. You know what I mean? It just, it's because then you're so pliable in the only way that first happens is coming to him. I love that when that's another thing, toil and overloaded on people, that's a dead giveaway.

Uh, not that we're trying to judge. You guys hear me and we, you know, mourn with each other, rejoice with each other. We're good.

But I'm meaning if it's a constant, you're a lot in life. It's a dead giveaway that coming to him is, is not really there in a consistent quality way, but also, um, arrogance. You cannot come to him all three stages.

You can't do these well and come out on the other side of the pride and you can't walk in a light, uh, yoke and, and, um, sorry, easy yoke and light burden with pride. Cause it's like a, you ever been to a car wash? There's different stages. The first one come to him.

Second would take upon his yoke. And then that last one is learning not how to learning from him who he is. And he goes, I'm meek and humble.

And then you come out on the other side. And then at the final stage, that's where his yoke is easy. His burden is light.

The only way to get here is coming through all, all three stages. And not only just one time, a lifestyle of it. Now that's what I pray.

It would become like, we'd become very consistent at it. And then a quality way we'd come away interface, lock in, lock in. I don't encourage you guys.

If some of you said, man, that's just hard. I'm distracted to send another, just stay the course, set a clock, hold yourself. We need the discipline.

The Lord doesn't. The Bible says a spirit's willing, but the flesh is weak and just give your flesh no say so. And people, religious spirit may say, well, you're kind of getting legalistic.

Be free. You have the spirit. It's freedom.

It's like, okay, why Jesus? They come away to me that he said, come away. I'll give you rest, but there's, there's tears to it. And I love though that.

So when you see pride there a lot, typically these three aren't in place. You're not under the yoke of the Lord. Walker, you guys know what a yoke is.

Anybody not know what a yoke is? It's not an egg yolk. Although those are amazing. But yes, what would go around the cows next typically, and they pull together.

Well, your yoke is a disaster. And the Lord's saying basically get under mine. And I even love to look at it as like that, which around his neck was a cross he bore and carried.

And then our cross now we take up ours and follow him. And, um, but it produces that a lowliness, a gentleness, a meekness, a dependency pliable. And then you realize you become more addicted in that way of life because everything becomes easy and people look at you go, man, but all the responsibility, tons of busy, you know, and you put somebody that doesn't come to him in the same spot and they're all of a sudden in turmoil, toil, heavy burden overloaded, and they can't handle it.

But you put somebody that comes to him. Well, it takes his yoke and learns from him. You can put all the load you want on them.

They don't even know it's there. They're just so captivated by him. There's walking alongside him.

They just see him. They hear his voice, the slightest movement of his heart. They see him smile.

He's there. And then they're just so low because like, man, I've always needed you. You're everything.

What was I thinking? If you become, you can't get around the Lord and come out prideful, not a chance. That's what I love about people that drip with humility is that, yeah, you can tell they learn from him in becoming like him. So, um, you guys want to stand? We'll pray.

Oh, Stevie, if you don't mind helping me, Tracy, and maybe if our prayer team could come, that would be awesome. Please. And we'd love to, I'm going to pray corporately, uh, first, and then we'd love to, um, minister to you.

Should you need prayer? Um, amazing men and women of God down here, both of our students, y'all students, and just love Jesus deeply. Anything it could be, you want prayer with just somebody supports your love on you. The prophetic flows a lot, need healing in your bodies, restoration in your home.

There's somebody to agree with you. One of the powerful keys. And I think the book of James is somebody just to agree with you in prayer.

And there's a powerful key there. So, um, let's pray. Jesus, thank you so much for your presence, your word this morning.

I pray that you do a deep work within us, which is lift your hands to heaven and by faith and receive. And, uh, Lord, I pray that you tenderize our hearts and give us a fresh grace this morning to come to you, to turn away, come away, interface with you and you alone, that closet, that secret place that we lock eyes with you day in and day out, lock your eyes with your word day in and day out. You should begin to teach us how to take your yoke upon us.

Let us throw off our yoke. We don't want the toil and the mental and physical distress, you know, the heavy burden. We don't want to be overloaded anymore.

And so we come to you, take your yoke upon us now and help us learn from you that you're meek and humble. Let that get on us. God, let lowliness, a lowly spirit, meekness, humility, pliability come upon us.

I pray. Let us be like two peas in a pod with you, just together, peanut butter and jelly with the Lord one with each other. One just flowing together.

Wherever you go, we go. Whatever you say, we say. And I pray right now, even this morning, a supernatural rest just hit the house and everyone online.

Come now, Lord. The word alone kills, but the spirit brings life spirit of God, come to breathe, rest into each and every one that heavy yoke fall off. Now the yoke of the Lord come upon every believer right now under the sound of my voice across the world online and in this house, rest, come down, rest, ease, rest, ease, rest, ease, rest, ease, easy yoke, light burden.

Take my yoke upon you. The Lord says, I give you rest. My yoke is easy and my burden is light.

I pray from this day forward, be a brand new chapter in life that we would live and rest all the days of it. And right when we start to fence, oh, there's that toil again. There's that burden.

I've got to come back to you, come to you, take your yoke upon me and learn do it in us. I pray Lord be glorified. We love you in Jesus name.

Amen.

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