

"Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Eph 5:20

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matt. 11: 25-30

“The invitation to us from Jesus found in Matthew 11: 25-30 will always be greater than the chaos and anxiety of our day.”

-Dallas Willard

Today:

Jesus's Discipleship invitation through
the lens of Matthew 11: 25-30.

Observation #1

The essential verb of discipleship:

COME.

Observation #2

The essential noun of discipleship:

ME.

The rabbis called disciples to the Torah.

The philosophers called people to the idea.

Jesus calls people to himself.

Christianity is fundamentally a
relationship with a person:
The person of Jesus.

Observation #3

The people Jesus likes to call to himself:

Weary and **Burdened.**

Observation #3

Jesus-

*“Come all who have wearied
and overburdened themselves.”*

Observation #3

“For the most part our excessive weariness is our own doing, saying too many yeses to good things, trying to live for the approval of other people trying to fix things that are not our responsibility to fix.”

– John Ortberg

Observation #4

The essential promise of Discipleship:

Rest.

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Jesus - *"I will rest you."*

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Implications: There is no rest apart from the personal involvement of the rester.



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Implications: Jesus's invitation of rest is for us to enter into the **reason** we were **created**, and true rest cannot be found apart from this.

Observation #5

The essential symbol of Discipleship:

YOKE.

“What is Jesus getting at minimum? Jesus is telling us that we are weary because we're wearing the wrong yokes. Refreshment of the soul comes by a transfer of yokes.”

-Dallas Willard

Observation #6

The critical Blessing of Discipleship:

MY YOKE.

Observation # 6

“What is this yoke? The yoke that refreshes, the yoke that Jesus himself wears?”

His relationship with the one he
calls Father!

Jesus is inviting us to a
relationship with His Father
the way He is in relationship
with His Father!

Jesus's *burden* that was light
was to please the Father.

The **needs of humanity** did not set the agenda of Jesus's life, nor did the need for **approval** or **affirmation**,...

He simply lived to please the
Father, and to know the pleasure
of the Father and invites **us** to
the same.

Yoke = “that which is well fitting.”

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Jesus - "*this is what you were
created and redeemed for.*"

“Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us...I in them and you in me...Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17: 21,23

“In essence Jesus is praying that the life and love that he experiences in the Trinity we also experience.”

-D. Martin Lloyd Jones

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”

-1 Peter 3: 18

So what?

Jesus is inviting us to a
relationship with His Father,
the way He is in relationship
with His Father!

“At that time...”



Mother Theresa

*“It is being included in the eternal life of God that heals all wounds and allows us to **stop demanding love** from others and **perfection** from ourselves.”*

-Dallas Willard

“Poverty is a life chasing after things of this world that will never satisfy.”

“Wealth is having a soul rested and content independent of circumstances.”

-Paul Tripp

Observation # 7

The essential posture of Discipleship:

LEARN.

Observation # 7

The FATHER!

Jesus-

Look to me and learn from me how to live, and work from a place of intimacy with the Father and your identity as his son.

Come to Jesus all who are weary, all who are in over your heads. Switch yokes, take his yoke upon you. His yoke fits well and you will find yourselves living and serving out of a soul at rest.

What word or statement stood out to you this morning?

How do you believe Jesus is inviting you to Pray?