

Knowing Jesus – Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death

Last week:

Matthew 4:21-22

- “²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.”

Growing In Grace by Responding To God's Invitation.

- I. THE INVITATION OF JESUS. "Follow me". (V.19a)
 - 1. A personal invitation. Jesus invites him personally. Not through letter or other people.
 - 2. A relational invitation. "Follow me" implies intimacy, not just socialization.
 - 3. A transforming invitation. "I will make you fisher of men." To walk with Him and learn from him.

CONCLUSION

- 1. JESUS INVITATION PERSONALLY AND PURPOSEFULLY.
- 2. FOLLOWING JESUS TRANSFORMS WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE LIVE FOR.
- 3. IMMEDIATE OBEDIENCE LEADS TO LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP.

Matthew 11

24 But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

27 “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.”

Growing in Grace by Learning Jesus' Heart

Matthew 11:28-30 “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.”

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Come, Take my yoke, and Learn

First - Come to Jesus:

Charles Spurgeon comments ... “‘Come’; he drives none away; he calls them to himself. His favourite word is ‘Come.’ Not, go to Moses – but ‘Come unto me.’ To Jesus himself we must come, by a personal trust. Not to doctrine, decree, nor ministry are we to come first; but to the personal Saviour.”

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Second - Give up Human Control: **“take My yoke upon you”**

- **The yoke of Jesus is easy, and light as compared with the yoke of others.**
- **The yoke of Jesus is easy and light as long as we do not rebel against it.**
- **The yoke of Jesus does not include the burdens we choose to add to it.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Third - Learn From Him:

Romans 10:17

**Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word about
Christ.**

Romans 12: 17-21 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Conclusion

Learning to view troubles and trials as instruments in God's hand is an important key to our spiritual growth. Serving Jesus can come at a cost to us – some say *should* come at a cost.

We are not promised an easy or pain-free life. But Jesus' promises are not there so that we may simply endure, **but to live a life of victory**. Victory in Jesus has the heart of Jesus within in it.

COME, TAKE MY YOKE AND LEARN