

LAUNCH –
GET READY FOR
YOUR FAITH TO TAKE OFF.
AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.

Matthew 11:28-30

1. THERE IS NO PERFECT FORMULAE.

A. Faith mattered:

- Zacchaeus; Woman; Thief on cross

B. Faith did not matter:

- Paul; Peter, James, John; Moses

C. God is sovereign **but relational**. 11:27, J 6:44

2. WE ARE INVITED TO COME.

- Matthew 11:28
 - A. Just as we are.
 - B. And believe Him.
- Matthew 22:3
 - And he sent out his slaves to call those who have been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

3. WE ARE INVITED TO TAKE ON THE “YOKE” OF CHRIST.

A. Take my yoke upon you.

- Who has the reigns?

B. Jesus is in control.

- Eyes, Mind, Tongue
- Relationships

C. Jesus is involved in my life events.

D. Yoke of grace – received to be given.

4. WE ARE INVITED TO “LEARN” OF CHRIST.

- A. To learn of Christ is to bring my life under the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.
 1. Read the word.
 2. Memorize the word.
 3. Apply the word.
- B. To act on what I have learned to encounter Christ.

HOW DOES ONE'S LOAD GET LIGHTER BY ADDING THE YOKE OF CHRIST?

A. Divine exchange of burdens:

- I give mine to Jesus
- I take up the yoke of Christ.
 - His is lighter.

B. Consequence – rest for my soul.

5. NEXT STEPS.

1. Do a personal spiritual assessment:
 - A. Have you surrendered to the yoke of Christ? Does He hold the reigns or you?
 - B. Will you surrender the reigns to Christ today?

5. NEXT STEPS.

2. For the next 40 days will you intentionally focus on coming to Christ?
 - A. If you are not spending time with Christ daily, read the gospel of John, daily (for the next 40 days).
 - B. If you are, focus your prayers on all of us to encounter Christ in our lives.