

The Simple Solution
Matthew 11:28-30

Matthew 11:28-30 (HCSB)

“Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

I. The Pressing Burden

Matthew 23:1-4 (HCSB)

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples: “The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. Therefore do whatever they tell you and observe /it/. But don’t do what they do, because they don’t practice what they teach. They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves aren’t willing to lift a finger to move them.

***Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to the cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace.
Wretched to the fount I fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die. – Rock of Ages***

II. The Personal Invitation

- **He is inviting you to Faith**

John 6:35, 37

Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

- **He is inviting you to Submission**



- **He is inviting you to Discipleship**

Psalm 119 (NASV)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word.
Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.
Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.
Revive me according to Your word.
Strengthen me according to Your word.
Be gracious to me according to Your word.
Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
Your word is very pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.
I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words.

Oswald Chambers:

The questions that truly matter in life are remarkably few, and they are all answered by these words— "Come to Me." Look at the stubbornness of your heart. You would rather do anything than this one simple childlike thing— "Come to Me." At the most unexpected moments in your life there is this whisper of the Lord— "Come to Me," and you are immediately drawn to Him. Personal contact with Jesus changes everything. The attitude necessary for you to come to Him is one where your will has made the determination to let go of everything and deliberately commit it all to Him.

III. The Peaceful Blessing

"Only the person who follows the command of Jesus without reserve and submits unresistingly to his yoke, finds his burden easy. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard for those who try to resist it, but for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy and the burden is light."

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer