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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*
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SHARING THE LOAD

Come to me, all 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."
Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus invited everyone who is tired from carrying heavy burdens of life to come to him for rest. That is among the most comforting scriptures in the New Testament. What he says next, however, has confused me for most of my Christian life. "Take my yoke upon you". I thought he was going to lighten my load, not add to it. Even a light load on top of what I'm already carrying sometimes seems like too much. I must be missing something.

It turns out, I was missing the point entirely. The yoke is not used to cruelly chain an ox to a burden. Instead it is a means to join the strength of two oxen together when a load is too heavy for one to bear alone. Instead of adding to my burden, Jesus is providing the means to share the load between us. When a farmer selects the oxen to pair together as a team, he must use great care to match them by size and strength. If one is significantly stronger than the other, the stronger one will end up with most of the load, leading to injury. When we bind ourselves to Jesus, he takes on most of the load, even though it cost him his life on the cross.

The other use of the yoke was to allow an experienced ox to train a young ox as they worked together against a load. Every subtle move of the experienced ox is felt by the young one as they work together. Without a word spoken between them, the young ox learns from the experienced one. As we join our lives to Jesus, we are gently guided in the way of life by our older brother.

Now is a good time to reflect on how well you are walking with Jesus. Straining against the yoke robs you of the strength to carry the loads of life and keeps you from learning from Jesus. But comfortably sharing the load with Jesus leads to peace and progress in life.

Tom, for the elders





From Neville's Desk...

HAVE I BECOME MY PARENTS?

One day Jesus found himself in conflict with the Pharisees. It escalated to the point of name calling. The Pharisees riled saying, "We were not born of sexual immorality" (Jn.8:41). And Jesus responds, "You are of your father the devil" (Jn.8:44).

The point Jesus was making is that families reap what they sow. Therefore, if our families are attempting to emulate godly families, we would be building each other up in at least three different ways.

First, we do not lie to each other because we have no

secrets we need to hide. "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Eph.4:15 ESV).

Second, we do not lose our tempers with each other. However, on the occasion we do get angry we will remember not to sin. Instead, we would "not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph.4:26 ESV) through confession and repentance.

And lastly, we would build each other up by entertaining the Holy Spirit's attitude towards each other. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph.4:32).

To read more go to lesson 4 day 4 in "My Life in Him" (t.ly/bwNi). Summit members can access our video reading at t.ly/3iiQ or our achieve to catch up at t.ly/MI2O.

"HEALING IN HIS WINGS"

Robert Murphy

The story of Jesus healing the woman with the "issue of blood" (Matt 9:19-22) is quite mysterious. Why did the woman think that the fringe of Jesus' garment would heal her? She very well could have thought that if his shadow passes over her, she will be healed (see Acts 5:15). What is so special about the fringe of his garment? The explanation may come from the Hebrew Bible. Our Old Testament ends with a prophecy about the coming Messiah, "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in

its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall" (Mal 4:2; NASB). The word for "wings" (*kanaph*) is also the same word used to describe the fringes (or tassels) on the garments that all Israelite men were commanded to wear (Num 15:38). Thus, in Matthew, when the woman touched the tassel of Jesus' garment, she *may* have thought of Mal 4:2 and identified Jesus with the "sun of righteousness." Thus, while her faith was indeed great, it was also a faith informed by the Holy Scriptures.

Let us strive for our faith to be as informed and great as this woman!

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Brad Herald

I read an old quote the other day from legendary Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz that said, "Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it."

In 2 Corinthians chapter 12, we learn about the "thorn in the flesh" the apostle Paul was tormented by and how he responded to it. While we do not know what Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was, it seems it was a hindrance to him and his ministry and could have been responsible for some of the insults or hardships he experienced.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NLT) ⁸"Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.⁹Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am

glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Although Paul prayed three times for healing and did not receive it, he received things far greater. He received greater grace from God and experienced God's power because of it. Paul then developed a stronger character, created a sense of humility, and produced an ability to rely on God.

God does not intend for us to seek to be weak or passive and at times we all have experienced enough hindrances and setbacks that has created weakness in our lives. As Christians, our response should be to recognize our limitations, to pray, to rely on God's power, and to trust that He is at work in our lives.

News, Notes & Announcements...



SUNDAY AM SERMON:

TO TRIUMPH OVER TEMPTATION

PSALM 119:9-16 ESV

Seeking A Pure Path

1. By G_____ it, Psalm 119:9
2. By P_____ for it, Psalm 119:10

And Purposing Not To Sin Against God

1. By s_____ up the Word, Psalm 119:11
2. By asking God to t_____ the Word, Psalm 119:12
3. By d_____ the Word, Psalm 119:13
4. By p_____ the Word, Psalm 119:14
5. By focused m_____ on the Word, Psalm 119:15
6. By not f_____ His Word, Psalm 119:16

February Wedding Anniversaries

Woody & Ella Turner	3rd
Daryl & Cindy Tucker	25th

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill. They will be collected in the Spring.

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00	YTD AVG - \$4,123.25
Over/Under: -\$2,767.00	
Jan 03, 2021-\$4,497.00	Jan 10, 2020-\$4,445.00
Jan 17, 2020-\$5,206.00	Jan 24, 2020-\$2,345.00

Upcoming Events

Feb 26-28	Challenge Youth Conference
April 2-4	Lads to Leaders Convention



Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

Clara Proctor (Kyle and Steve's grandma) Passed away on 1/25; service last week

Dan McNeese Recovering from Covid at Gateway Rehab; hopes to go home in a week or two

Melanie Schaefer Knee replacement surgery went well; began physical therapy

Norma Carter Diagnosed with A-Fib; started new medications and will have additional tests this week

Robin Herald Recovering from COVID

RuthAnn Price (Harold Painter's sister) Remains in the hospital following a fainting episode; waiting for tests to determine the cause

Tom Smith (former preacher at Summit) Recovering from two successful heart surgeries

Cancer

- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer
- **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Chemo continues; cancer is stable
- **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable.
- **Mike White** (former elder at Summit) Prostate cancer
- **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Brain tumor is stable
- **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Seeking a second opinion after a cancer diagnosis

Long-term Needs

- **Ashley Holland**-pray for her unborn baby's health
- **COVID**-healthcare/frontline workers & those who have the virus

- **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Drug rehab
- **Joey Adams**-needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Kerri Herald**-pray for her to be able to be as independent as possible
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Peggy Holt**-recovering from a stroke
- **Sally Pape** (Renee Carnes' mom) Short-term memory loss
- **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Recovering from a mastectomy; scan results were good
- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 132 active students & 10 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another

