

JESUS FOLLOWER

Learn from Me

Matthew 11:28–30

DELIGHT, NOT DRUDGERY

Following Jesus should be about **DELIGHT**, not drudgery.

It should be a “**get to,**” not a “got to.”

Sometimes we can turn Christianity into:

A classroom — It's all about what I **KNOW**.

A to-do list — It's all about what I **DO**.

A high jump — I set the bar high so I can show how great my **LOVE** is for God.

An exercise bike — I just have to work **HARDER**.

And then we add everything else we're trying to accomplish in life.

Jesus offers us another way:

"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 my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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"COME TO ME"

There is a difference between **self-powered religion** and a God-given **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus Christ.

"I got so caught up in **DOING** and **KNOWING**, I forgot about you, Lord."

Jesus says, "**Come to me.**"

"LEARN FROM ME"

We can believe in Jesus and still try to live the Christian life **OUR OWN WAY**.

Jesus says:

"Learn from me. Learn my **WAYS**."

The Christian life is not about **us living for Jesus**.

It is **Jesus living in and through us**.

THE THREE RELATIONSHIPS OF JESUS

Jesus **majored in relationships.**

He prioritized three relationships:

ABIDE

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.
Now remain in my love."

John 15:9

Apart from an **ABIDING** relationship with Christ,
Jesus says, "Apart from me, you can do nothing."

The Christian walk is not about us living for Jesus.
It's Jesus living **in and through us.**

CONNECT

"My command is this: Love each other as I have
loved you."

John 15:12

"It's the **RELATIONSHIPS**. It's the relationships. It's
the relationships."

Our love for God overflows into **love for one another.**

SHARE

"I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit..."

John 15:16

Our love for God overflows to one another and then, with compassion and delight, we **SHARE** our faith with others.

Jesus invites us to **learn his ways.**

AT THE CROSSROADS

"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths... ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jeremiah 6:16

The eternal paths Jesus teaches us are:

ABIDE — an abiding relationship with the Father

CONNECT — a connected relationship with one

another

SHARE — sharing hope with the world

That is what it means to be a **follower of Jesus Christ**.

Let's not make this **COMPLICATED**.

Let's not do it in our **own power**.

HOW MUCH FARTHER?

As Jesus followers, how much farther do we want to walk with him in his ways?

There is a power available to us to walk this life.

It is not a life of **DRUDGERY**.

It is a life of **DELIGHT**.

NEXT STEPS

The invitation is not to do more in our own strength.

Pray and allow Jesus to work in and through you.

"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in him."

Colossians 2:6

The way in which you received Jesus, by **GRACE**,
live in that **GRACE**.

Let's do it in the power of his grace.