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Chronicle

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Are You Weary?

On my walk to work this morning I began thinking to myself, *when will the weather break?* When I asked the question to a co-worker, however, he pointed out that we're not even out of February yet, in a part of the world where winter has been known to stick around sometimes even to the middle of April! In being sick of winter, I had somehow convinced myself that the season was nearing its end. Winter has a certain effect on us, doesn't it? Short days, long cold nights, dreary skies—it's no wonder that we grow so weary and worn out at this time of the year.

I think when we're emotionally or spiritually weary, we can ask the same question: *when will the weather break? When will the storm subside?* I don't know about you, but I often feel weary from sin, from hard relationships, from the stress of doing what I know to be right, even when it's difficult. All sorts of things wear us down.

Because of this, I love Jesus' invitation to the weary in Matthew 11:28–30—“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.” There are many wonderful comforts in these verses, but four in particular seem to me to have a soul-cheering effect:

The Invitation. Jesus is inviting us in. Who is the invitation for? Not the wise and understanding (look at verse 25), but for anyone who labors and is heavy-laden. Is that you? The great thing about this invitation is that it isn't an invite to another committee, or more responsibility, or some soul-crushing burden. “Come to me,” Jesus says. We have an invitation to come to Jesus.

The Yoke. Jesus invites us to come to Him, with all our burdens, so that we may take His yoke and learn from Him. This is discipleship; this is union with Christ. To be in the yoke with Christ is to follow Him, to learn from Him, to give up our life in exchange for His. That's good news for the weary!

The Result. What do the weary get from all this? Rest! “You will find rest for your souls.” When we are weary, we need the kind of rest that a nap or a good night's sleep can't give us; we need soul-rest. Thanks be to God, this is what Jesus offers us.

The Reason. You probably know that a yoke refers to the wooden frame by which oxen would pull a plow. Why would this be restful for the weary believer? Because, as Jesus says, “my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” This is not the burden of pleasing God with our own works, or the burden of meeting the challenges of the world on our own terms. This is the burden of leaning on Jesus, and trusting Him with all our worries and woes, all our perplexity and pain, all our suffering and sin. This is a light burden indeed!

So in the weariness we experience in the world, let us respond to the invitation to come to Jesus, and to learn from Him. He is gentle and lowly in heart, amen? We will find rest for our souls in Him.

Daniel Stanley



We arrived in Manila, Philippines after very good travels beginning at Cleveland airport on Thursday morning early. Thanks for your prayers for us.

Please continue to pray for us as we sort and sell household items, pack some belongings to ship back to Warren, engage in some trainings with our missionaries, and work through a list of “good-byes” to dear saints we may never see again.

We are looking forward more and more to getting settled in Warren and ministering with and among you all there. We anticipate seeing God use our experience in cross-cultural church planting to mesh with the work of God in and through the body of Jesus to further advance His kingdom.

We hesitate to mention the balmy weather and light breezes we are experiencing where we must wear shorts, short sleeves and sandals and still deal with some degree of sweating with temperatures in the 80’s. This is a good time to be in the Philippines where it is “less hot” and before the rainy season that usually begin in May. We will soak up the warmth that we can in anticipation of the cold we know we will experience in March when we return.

Please know of our prayers for you and the ongoing ministry at Calvary. We are also praying ahead as we anticipate being regularly there in April.

Many blessings and thanks,

Joel & Linda

Welcome & Appreciation Dinner Sunday, March 31

There will be a Church dinner on Sunday, March 31 following the worship service.

We will be welcoming Joel and Linda Dingeldein to CBC and expressing our appreciation to Daniel and Kara Stanley.

The menu will include Beef on Wick Sandwiches and cake. Please bring a side dish or salad to share.



The Eternal Word of God

Generation follows generation, but the Bible lives on:
Nations rise and fall; yet it lives.

Kings and presidents come and go; yet it lives.

Doubted and criticized; yet it lives.

Condemned by unbelievers; yet it lives.

Misquoted and misinterpreted; still it lives.

The eternal Word of God will serve forever:

As a lamp to our feet

As a light to our path.

As a gift of heaven.

As a standard for our lives.

As water for the thirsty.

As light for the unsaved.

As salvation for the sinner.

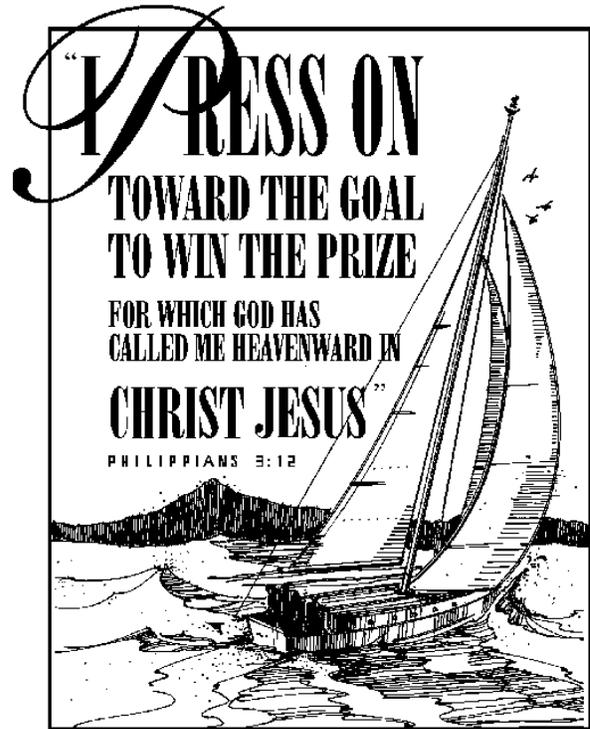
As grace for the Christian.

The eternal Word of God lives on. Make it a part of your life everyday.



100 Challenge: Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you so much for contributing to our February 100 Challenge of spaghetti sauce. We are proud to say 112 jars/cans of sauce was delivered to the Salvation Army this past week.



This Month's Helpers

Deacon of the Week

- 3 Dave Chapman
- 10 Leo Donovall
- 17 Kerwin Smith
- 24 John Backstrom
- 31 Brad Morgan

Greeter:

- 3 JoAnn Greenawalt
- 10 Ginny Vietmeier
- 17 Leo Donovall
- 24 Todd & Debbie Meabon
- 31 Cindy Hile

Nursery & Children's Church

- 3 Liza Donovall & Ruth Zullo
- 10 Liza Donovall & Krissy Perrin
- 17 Liza Donovall & Loraine Smith
- 24 Liza Donovall & Peggy Chapman
- 31 Liza Donovall & Sheryl Morgan

Door Monitor:

- 3
- 10 Leo Donovall
- 17 Brad Morgan
- 24 Lisa Ledebur
- 31 Dave Chapman