

COME TO JESUS

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THE RIVER OF RECONCILIATION (Recap & application)

God has reserved us for this time, we should be awake and listening. God saying..

THIS IS YOUR TIME! We must recognize the time we are in.

What sphere of influence has God placed you in? Love those around you. God has been talking to us about the RIVER of Reconciliation.

God saying: Let the RIVER flow out of you! I reserved you in the area you're in." He put you there to let the RIVER flow out of you to that area.

Reference to CANADA—When people will come to the Lord, they will want to be more like JESUS than like the enemy. Their lives are being changed. It changes things at the grass-root level. —Our governments work for us, for the people. Our tax dollars pay for them. So they are the representation of the people. So, the will of the people needs to change. That's why God is speaking to us about the RIVER OF RECONCILIATION. Because what changes a heart but the presence of Christ. What really changes a person? Not laws and rules. When Jesus touches your heart, you change. What you wanted, you don't want anymore. You get a different appetite. You want JESUS. You get hungry for Jesus.

The Lord is saying to us as His church right now, "Let the river flow out of you." I believe He is saying, "I want to reach out to Canada. I want to reach out to the people around you, the people that you work with, your friends who don't know Jesus. Wherever you go around you, the people who don't know Jesus, He wants to reach them.

God is saying, "I have reserved you. I put you where you are—in the job you're in, in the family you're in, in the city you're in, in the region you're in."

He put you there to let the River flow into that territory. And right now He is saying, "I want to reach people because I'm doing a work in Canada. And we are the people through which He flows. It's us!

<u>Matthew 9:36</u>—**But when he saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered,** like **sheep having no shepherd**.

Jesus is looking beyond the obvious, beyond the natural. And sometimes we need exactly that—the ability by the Holy Spirit to see people and to let people know they've been seen. This is like a spiritual prophetic GRACE to be able to see.—When Jesus say the multitudes, He was moved with COMPASSION for them. And the first thing that Jesus recognized was that they are **sheep having no shepherd.** That's the first thing He identified.

In this statement, Jesus is identifying His heart as a shepherd, and how much He loves His people like a shepherd would love. A genuine shepherd would love His sheep.

And He says, one of the things is—if you don't have a shepherd, the sheep can get lost. They're everywhere. The shepherd is whose voice the sheep actually recognize, and they will follow Him. That's how sheep are.—God is using that as an example to us. The people around us NEED JESUS as their shepherd, through their salvation. All the people scattered need Jesus as their shepherd.

Jesus is moved by compassion because He wants to reach out to every single one of them. That's what Jesus is saying to us today, "I want you to reach out to those people." That's the heart of the Father. —Because people are weary. People are tired. we face so many challenges. There is a weariness that can come of finding your way in the world, figuring out, what am I doing here?

What about people who don't know Jesus? —There is a compassion that comes when seeing that people are weary and don't know where to go. And God's heart is that He wants to be a shepherd. God wants to come and put His arms around people. He wants to say, "I have a destiny for you. Let Me walk with you." Life is something that is full of joy, and full of adventure, full of love, full of relationship. Life is not just boring, and trauma and pain and tribulation. That's not life. Jesus said, "I came to give you life abundantly." God wants to lead you into LIFE.

<u>John 10:10</u>—The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

So there is two narratives being played against your life. There is an enemy who comes to steal—If he cannot steal, he cannot kill. If he cannot kill, he cannot destroy. That's his order of process.

What is he trying to steal? Jesus himself told us that satan comes to steal the WORD. So the Word of God is what gives you that PEACE, gives you that grounding. That's why we gather, and the primary role and *responsibility of a shepherd is to FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD.*

<u>1 Peter 5:2</u>—**Shepherd the flock of God** which is among you, **serving as overseers**, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

Shepherd means "feed" in Greek. That's one of the primary things shepherds do. So Jesus wants us to be fed on His REVELATION, on His TRUTH, on His WORD.

That's why we should FEED ON THE WORD.—And while we FEED on the WORD, something happens to us. We settle—We get strengthened—PEACE comes into our life.

But the enemy starts by stealing the WORD, God's Promise to you, God's Word to you—he wants to steal it. How does he steal it? he makes you question, "Is this really for me?", "Is this even true?" Is this even relevant for my life? Maybe it's okay for that person. Maybe it's okay for the pastor. Maybe it's okay for so and so".—But no, it's good! It's okay and it's going to work for you!

And so you have to get to the place where you're just **WILLING TO RECEIVE** the WORD like a child, like a little child. Be like, "Okay. I'll take it in, Lord. If You say it, I'm willing to BELIEVE IT, and I'm willing to RECEIVE IT."—That's kind of how it starts.

COME TO ME

Back to the Fatigue...

<u>Matthew 11:27-28</u>—All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 **Come to Me, all you who labor** {fatigued} **and are heavy laden** burdened}, **and I will give you rest**.

Knowing what people are lacking is actually Him. And like that, when we look around, people don't know they're lacking a shepherd. They don't know that they're sheep without a shepherd, but you do. And that's why you got to let Jesus operate and function through the Holy Spirit in your life and let them have that KINDNESS. Let them have that LOVE. Engage them. The Spirit of God is on your life. You don't have to pull the Bible out. You don't have to prophesy over them on purpose. You just got to flow, relax, love them. Most people don't get much love, encouragement in their life. The world is beating them up. The world is condemning them. Their life is condemning them. satan's condemning them. And sometimes they have a narrative of condemnation in their own mind.

So you have to come in there as a different voice. You have to come in with ENCOURAGEMENT and LOVE, and KINDNESS, and GRACE. And they're like, "Wow, this person's different." First, they won't think you're for real. But what you're doing is, *you're actually giving them the opportunity to experience something different than their everyday life.* And the Holy Spirit will then follow them home—because they're, "I wonder what that was about." When we talk to people, the Holy Spirit can start coming on people right there.

COME TO ME, you who labor and are heavy laden, and I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

Maybe you yourself feel weary and heavy laden, tired, overwhelmed—and need help. There's some practical things you can do...

First thing: As you COME TO JESUS, HE WILL GIVE YOU REST

In those moments, may the Holy Spirit speak to you, touch you, and draw you back into your First Love, which is JESUS.

If you're tired and weary, just COME. Say, "Lord, you invited me. I'm accepting the invitation."

Oftentimes when we feel tired we need to rest in the natural. But sometimes natural rest is NOT what we nee. What we really need is TO COME TO JESUS.—There is a place for rest. We need to make sure we rest properly. But often times the REST we NEED is COMING TO JESUS. Because we're so stirred up around other things. We#re busy with many things and Jesus says, "COME TO ME".

In the rest God will teach us HOW TO REST IN HIM.

Because there's always going to be things that you have to do in your life. There's always going to be challenges to face. There's always going to be another thing, another day. Because that's life! Life doesn't come with no challenges. Life doesn't come with no obstacles.—If you think that, that's magical thinking. It's a fantasy. It's not true. Life is life. There are those things.

But when we **COME TO JESUS**, and we **TAKE HIS YOKE** upon us, and we **LEARN FROM HIM**—
HE TEACHES US how to go through those things, how to walk through those things **IN THE REST**OF GOD and **IN THE PEACE OF GOD**.

<u>Matthew 11:29</u>—**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**.

We know, for example, oxen would be yolked to plow the field.

Jesus says, "TAKE MY Yoke upon you."—But sometimes we're <u>yoked to something else upon us.</u> Sometimes we're yoked to something else that's pulling us or driving us to do things. Sometimes that's our job, or we want to be successful at something. So we're being driven by this need to be successful. Sometimes it's other people's expectations of us.—It can be different things but we have to stop. That's why Jesus says, "COME TO ME".

Because when we come to Jesus ,He can show us,"Are we yoked to something else?" I want you to get that picture of two oxen that are yoked together with that wooden thing that goes over them and puts them together. So , you have to keep pace with the oxen that's leading.—And many of us are yoked to something that us trying to pull us at such a pace, or pull us in a direction, or pull us in ways that actually we're struggling to do and it's not the way God has for us.

God is saying, "COME TO ME". He wants to unyoke you in this season from the things that have been driving you or pulling you away from Him, or away from the things He has for you—and pulling you into busyness, into confusion, into the things that are not God.

We need to hear this, Church...

- WHAT ARE WE YOKED TO?... thats draining our energy—our time—our treasure?
- WHAT IS DRIVING US?—selfish ambition?

We're yoked to something because we were raised by our parents to go do something. Or we were raised without something. Now, we're going to go make it happen. We didn't have it as kinds, parents. So, we're going to live vicariously through our kids and make them do everything we couldn't do. But meanwhile, that may not be God's plan for them, their interest or their desire. And then you got them yolked into something and you're yolked through them.—And that's why you're tired out.

Because really when we get into that sweet spot of God's will, there might be challenges around you, and that's a life that we're going to have to live. *However, on the inside, you should be at PEACE.*

Matthew 11:30 - For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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Jesus is more aware of His Heavenly Father, that no other yoke is burdening Him. He know the Father. We come in a place where the other yokes break off.

There is value of stopping and becoming aware of what is going on .—Where we're going off track is usually in our soul. If we move out of our emotions and out of our soul, we get into trouble. We are more vulnerable with friends and family.

<u>Psalm 13:2</u>—How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Generally speaking, there is NO EMERGENCY mode in the Kingdom of God.—We always have an answer. Since John the Baptist, the Kingdom of God is at hand. It is within reach. If you are in Jesus, you can tap into it. The KINGDOM is your source.

You have to come to Jesus. That's where your soul finds rest.

Make room for God's vision in your life. And God will make room for you.

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God will take care of you! God

We don't want to make decisions out of soul traps or yokes.

God is moving in your life and the enemy wants to bring confusion and unrest in you. That's why Jesus says: COME TO ME! —Jesus wants to feed you.

Psalm 23:1—The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Jesus is putting out an invitation to us, saying: COME TO ME! I will give you REST for your SOUL!

<u>Psalm 23:2-3</u>—He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. **He restores my soul;** He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Text

Acts 20:28-30—Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

We are supposed to help you to become disciples of Jesus.

Sometimes people come in in sheep's clothing. It's important.

A false obligation can be A YOKE.—If people get offended, it's their problem.

When you're with Jesus, the thing that triggered you before, doesn't trigger you anymore.

<u>Matthew 9:36</u>—But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were [a]weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

You move from trigger to "no trigger".

The next step is to see people with COMPASSION.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS THE CENTER.

Empathetic people are more easily pulled into...xxx

<u>James 5:14-15</u>—But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

The LORD is raising you up! - Prayer in the Name of the Lord.

When you set boundaries can more easily love you.—Love is given freely.

God wants us to love by free will and free choice.

PRAYER-False OBLIGATIONS

Every false obligation to be severed.

Their family is not their God. You are their God.

We sever also any ties with false teaching.

Severing any ties with any spirit that has tried to invade us and bring confusion.

We sever any soul-ties...

In the name of Jesus, I am Your sheep.

I come to you Lord and I receive Your PEACE for my soul

No more residue of false obligation and false teaching.

Father, you bring Healing into our life—physically, mentally and spiritually.

Father you open the right doors, and you shut the wrong ones.

We lift up yokes that have been created by sudden trauma. Lord lifting this guard of you.