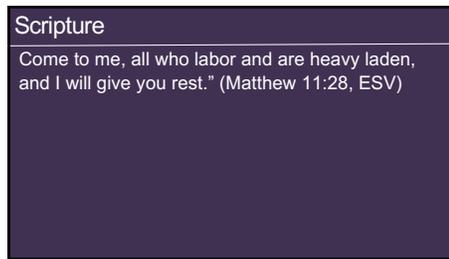




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Point

1. Come to Christ by denying yourself
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself... (Matthew 16:24, ESV)

Stop trying to do everything yourself. Stop trying to be everything for everybody. Stop thinking everything depends on you!

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2. Come to Christ by taking up your cross
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross..(Matthew 16:24, ESV)

Die to self, live for Christ. Work for Christ, you will be working with Christ! Be blessed by Christ. You will live a life not burdened down.

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3. Come to Christ by following Him
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and **follow** me." (Matthew 16:24, ESV)

Follow Christ's example of how to overcome haters, challenges, evilness and disappointments

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Meaning of the word follow

Bible Sense Lexicon | to follow (behavior) x

to follow (behavior) Actual Size Fit

to follow (behavior) v. — to behave in accordance or in agreement with.

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Wrap it up

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, ESV)

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Definition of yoke

Bible Sense Lexicon | yoke x +

yoke Actual Size Fit

yoke n. — stable-gear that joins two draft animals at the neck so they can work together as a team.

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REFLECTION

The best way to lighten the load of heaviness from burdens is to begin to give it all to Christ and stop trying to be everything for everybody. Start working for His kingdom. Take all your concerns to Christ and leave them there.

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