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Becoming A Disciple: To Be Like Jesus

Matthew 11:25-30 - *At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike.* [26] *Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!* [27] *"My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."* [28] *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.* [29] *Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* [30] *For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

1. **Come.**

Matthew 23:4 - *They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.*

Acts 15:10 - *So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear?*

2. **Take.**

Following Christ Shouldn't Be A Burden

1 John 5:3 - *Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.*

3. **Learn.**

Why Are So Many Of Us Burned Out, Frustrated, And/Or Struggling?

Jeremiah 6:16 - *This is what the LORD says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls. But you reply, 'No, that's not the road we want!'*

Much Of Our Fatigue And Drudgery Stems From Pride

1) **We Can't Experience The Life Of Christ Without Exercising The Lifestyle Of Christ.**
2) **Transformation Demands More Than Just Trying; It Requires Training.**

Ephesians 5:1-2 - *Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.* [2] *Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 - *So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

1 Peter 2:21 - *For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - *Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!* [25] *All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.* [26] *So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.* [27] *I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.*