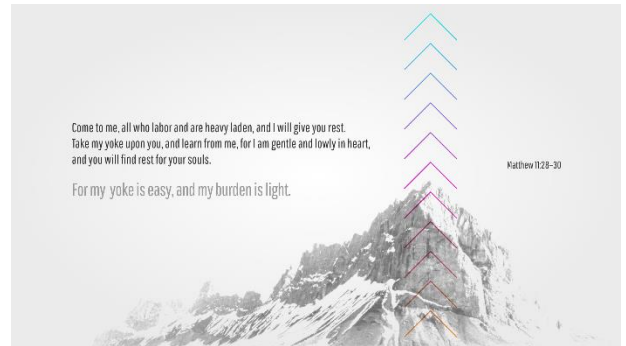


## Discovering Discipleship Troubled Souls Know Where to Find Rest

**Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus:** Who doesn't need rest! This holiday weekend, hopefully you are enjoying some rest celebrating the freedoms we enjoy. Typically, when we think of rest in the physical sense. We think of the weekend or a little vacation time. It is good to enjoy rest. Rest is a gift from God. Jesus offers rest, but it doesn't involve postponing work for a few days and returning to finish a job. He offers a better rest. He offers rest where he takes on something we could not do and he accomplishes it for us. The result is we are freed from the burden.



**Announcements:** In-person worship will resume next Sunday, July 12 at 9 am and 10:15 am. Hope to see you there!

### INVOCATION & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

- M: We worship...In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.
- C: The Psalmist says, "O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God."

*Silence for private confession.*

- M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- M: Believing the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### PRAYER

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SONG

*Beautiful Savior*

♪ 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

LESSON

*Romans 7:15-25a*

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. <sup>19</sup> For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:25-30*

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**SONG**

*What a Friend We Have In Jesus*

♪ **What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

**THE MESSAGE**

*Matthew 11:25-30*

**Theme:** *Where to Find True Rest*

**OFFERING**

*“On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money” —II Corinthians 16:2. Out of thanks to God, we set aside a regular offering to the Lord.*

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**THE PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

*God Bless Our Native Land*

♪ God bless our native land;  
firm may she ever stand  
through storm and night:  
when the wild tempests rave,  
ruler of wind and wave,  
do thou our country save  
by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise  
to God, above the skies;  
on him we wait;  
thou who art ever nigh,  
guarding with watchful eye,  
to thee aloud we cry,  
God save the state!

And not to us alone,  
but be thy mercies known  
from shore to shore.  
Lord, make the nations see  
that men should brothers be  
and form one family  
the wide world o'er.



**BLESSING**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.