



## Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news,  
Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;  
Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”  
Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him.  
Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him.  
~ Isaiah 40:9-10 NASB95 ~**

God Bless you and keep you partners in Jesus' Name!

We serve a good God who loves and cares so sweetly for His people – and we are His people! We have known the Father's care for us, and He's been *good*.

Back in 2024, shortly before Sister Claire and I had our first kiss on our wedding day, The Lord spoke the word *whirlwind* to us about the months to come. And ever since the man of God, Brother Greg, went home to Heaven in May of 2024, it has certainly felt like a *whirlwind* of activities; learning and growing in The Lord, giving and receiving from Him and His people.

Being in the ministry is not something we want to do because we have to do it. It is a privilege from Heaven to be in the ministry of The Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes our plate is full and other times, our plate is fuller! But we wouldn't trade it for anything we were not called by God Himself to do.

Brother Greg would often say it this way, "We got it so good!" That was his way of acknowledging Jesus' description of living life in union with Him in Matthew 11:31, **"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."** Yes, Jesus was talking about ministry and serving, but we do not all serve in full time prayer and the ministry of the Word (see Acts 6:4).

And it is true! His yoke *is* easy, His burden *is* light. *Light and easy!* How many people, how many *Christians*, how many *ministers* think of life that way? *Light and easy*. Rather what we hear most of the time is how *heavy* and *hard* life or the ministry can be. I think it is high time we believed what Jesus said and do things His way. I know I have room to grow!

**[28] Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. [30] For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.**

- Matthew 11:28-30 AMPC

Isn't that powerful! That is so good! Worthy of much focus and meditation.

We need to get back to *Eden Living*. Adam's first priority in the Garden was fellowship with God. In that fellowship the Blessing flowed freely. But his responsibility in the Garden was to **"cultivate it and keep it"** (see Genesis 2:15b). We could say it this way, God put Adam in the Garden to cultivate [the good] and keep [out the bad]. (There is a whole series of sermons there!)

See, Jesus did not say we have no yoke to carry or no burden to bear. We do. But it is not the yoke of sickness or poverty; it is not the burden of shame for our past or condemnation for the present. Nor is it toiling in the flesh to make just enough to eek by. We are free from all those things because of the price Jesus paid at the Cross!

Brother Greg would say it this way, *Our yoke is to believe and our burden is to obey*. That is what he was talking about when he would say, "We got it so good!" Like Adam in Eden, his work was simply to give God something to Bless.

**The blessing of the Lord brings wealth,  
without painful toil for it.**

- Proverbs 10:22 NIV

Before Adam sinned, there was no sweat and toiling. Now, sinful men sweat and toil under the curse because they do not know how to live by faith. Believers are not toiling under the curse to be Blessed. But nor do we not work. *We proceed in the*

*Blessing and God empowers the work of our hands to prosper. Faith in God brings us back to Eden Living and doing things God's way.*

See, when we do things God's way, His yoke is easy because He is in the yoke with us! We are not doing things apart from Him, we are doing all things at His direction and He does all the heavy-lifting. His burden is light because as John says, **"His commandments are not burdensome."** (1 John 5:3) What God commands us to do, He empowers us to accomplish. This is living by faith, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is not will power or mental acuity, the arm of the flesh or the desire of nations that transforms any of us from one level of glory to a greater level of glory. It is our degree of surrender to **"the Lord, who is the Spirit."** (2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV)

The priority of our activities must be to abide in Him. Out of that abiding place in Him, **"we live and move and have our being."** I really like how another translation renders that passage.

**[27] God has done all this, so that we will look for Him and reach out and find Him. He isn't far from any of us, [28] and He gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are. "We are His children," just as some of your poets have said.**

- Acts 17:27-28 CEV

Oh Hallelujah! **"He gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are."** Then the Spirit of God through Paul tells us who we are : **"We are His children"**! As God's children we have the right in Him to learn and walk in our Father's ways. To walk in God's ways is simply living out of the true identity of **"who we are"** in Him.

The Passion Translation says it this way, **"It is through Him that we live and function and have our identity"**. (Acts 17:28a TPT) Hallelujah! Dr. Young who wrote the Young's Literal Translation, says it this way, **"For in Him we... are."** In Him we *are*. That is what our identity is, it is who we are. It is out of our identity that we live and move [function].

And who are we? God's children. We are children of the Most High God. Because we are children of God we live and move and function as those in the God-class of being as Adam did in Eden, learning and developing in the ways of our Father.

This is what The Lord has been speaking to us about in our current sermon series *Imitators of God*. Ladybugs come from ladybugs and do ladybug things ladybug

ways; camels come from camels and do camel things camel ways. *Sons of God come from God and do God's things God's ways!* Ways like faith, hope and love, honor, mercy and wisdom, etc.

I hope you will join us in believing God for utterance and direction as you listen to the messages. As you fill yourself with His Word, your faith will no longer be 'gelatin faith', touch it and it shakes. The opposite of 'gelatin faith' is to become established in the faith, possessing a living trust that is as rock solid as *The Rock*, Jesus Himself!

**"...continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven..."**

- Colossians 1:23 NASB95

Instead of everything else moving your faith – your faith moves mountains and everything else! (see Matthew 17:20, 21:21 & Mark 11:23)

Finally, as I understand it, a lot of people's purpose for partner letters is to raise funds for their ministry or outreaches. Not against what God told others to do, but we do not do that. The purpose of our partner letters is for *us* to give *you* God's Word. If you will receive it, you can grow up in Christ and please God with all you do. Including your giving.

If you belong to a local church in your area, honor The Lord by giving them your tithe. If you want to sow something extra toward us – all we ask is that as you give, give in Love, give in Faith, give in the Hope of your Harvest. Expect God to fulfill His Word! Remember,

*Only what God says matters! Jesus is what God is saying!*

Be Blessed!

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