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**Abide with Jesus awhile...**

**Abide with Jesus awhile. Tarry with Him awhile. Abide with Him the rest of your life, why not?**

Jesus said, "**Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.** *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. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*" Matthew 11:28-30 NASB. Jesus invites all who are weary of all the troubles and trials of this world, who are weary from their burdens, worries and guilt, to take His rest, to take His yoke upon them, because His burden is easy, and His burden is light. The yoke of love that Jesus offers you dear reader is much easier than struggling with your problems by yourself. It is a hard thing to try to order your steps and make all the right decisions and do all the right things and not make a mess out of your life. Or worry about how you can make your life a success. *But Jesus can take all your worries about not being good enough, smart enough, or strong enough to succeed, and help you fight the good fight to receive the crown of righteousness in the end, if you will give all of these worries to Him.* 2 Timothy 4:7-8. **No reason to worry about failure.** No reason to be afraid or be in bondage to addictions or sin anymore, because Jesus came to set you free, dear reader! He came that you might be free! Free from guilt, worry and shame and from the fear of failure. "**If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.**" John 8:36 NASB. This is what Jesus promised to you dear reader and all who will "come" and allow Him to make them free. **If He makes you free, ye shall be free indeed!**

John declared, "And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin." 1 John 3:5 NASB. **Jesus appeared on this earth and died on the cross to take away your sin.** In "Him" there is no sin, because He was the spotless Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. John 1:29. **John declared that He came in order to take away sin.** Think on this, meditate on it, believe it. It is a most beautiful promise when you see it and believe it! **Tarry with Jesus awhile and He will help you to be good and live a righteous life for Him.** And He will give you rest! This is because He can break your yoke of bondage if you let Him. Better yet, why not abide with Him the rest of your life? What do you have to lose? He will help you to be a better, kinder and gentler person! --> Derived from our article: [If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, Part 2](#).

Dear reader, God says to you, "**Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.** Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David." Isaiah 55:1-3 NASB. **What were the faithful mercies shown to David?** David loved God but had lost sight of Him several times and sinned greatly against Him, but God forgave him, even though he deserved to die. **But don't we all deserve to die for our sins?** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 KJV. Not only did God forgive David, but chose to send Jesus His son through his lineage. This text in Isaiah, when it talks about 'the faithful mercies shown to David,' is talking about the promise made to David, that his throne would be established forever, which was a prophecy about Jesus, the Messiah, who would die for the sins of the world and would reign forever and ever. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, 25-29. **What a promise God made to David!** *Not only did David not deserve this honor and privilege, but God was going to use his lineage through Jesus to save the world!* No human that has ever lived has ever deserved God's gift of His son to die for their sins. John 3:16-17. So even though David and no human being who has ever lived deserved God's mercy, God still sent His only son to die on the cross for their sins. This is what it means when God declares that if you will listen to Him, He will make 'an everlasting covenant' with you 'according to the

faithful mercies shown to David.’ **Do you want the faithful mercies shown to David? Do you know that you are a sinner? Do you want hope? Do you want to listen to God and accept His covenant of grace for you? Then Isaiah 55 is for you! Everyone who thirsts can come. All who are hungry can come.** Turn no one away who is thirsty, hungry or weary!

**It is especially noteworthy what Jesus proclaimed in the synagogue on the Sabbath:** “And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book, and found the place where it was written, ‘THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.’” *And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing’*” Luke 4:16-21 NASB. **After he closed the book and gave it back to the attendant all eyes were on Him!** Here Jesus declared in so many words that He was the fulfillment of this prophecy from Isaiah. The Holy Spirit was trying to convict all who were there listening to Him that He was the Messiah, the hope of Israel - that was why all eyes were fixed on Him after He read this passage and declared that this prophecy was fulfilled that day in their hearing! This was the event that the children of Israel had been waiting for, but sadly not all accepted Him. **But what does this passage really mean? Study it carefully! Jesus came to preach the gospel to the poor, and to set the captives free! And to set free all those who are downtrodden.** Jesus also declared, “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” John 12:32 NASB. *Yes, Jesus was lifted up on that cross for you, He paid the penalty for your sins. This act will draw all who will to Him who want it, who see their need and want His help.* This is the power of the Cross! His death on the cross allows you to get rest and peace! **Jesus proclaimed that His mission was to preach the Gospel (the good news) to the poor, to set the captives free, and to set free all those who are downtrodden.** That is to say, He came to give you rest and to give you peace!

**Oh soul are you weary?** Do you long for rest? Do you long for peace? **Do you long to be free?** Free from all your guilt, sin and shame? Then let Jesus draw you to the cross, let His love move you, let it break your heart. **Take His yoke upon you and He will give you rest.** His yoke that is easy and His burden that is light is the sweet bond of love He has for you that binds you closer to Him. **Oh such love! I cannot fathom it!** No words I write can fully describe it! *Oh hungry soul, there is a Balm in Gilead and the great Physician there who has healing for your soul if you want it.* **Why thirst for the water of life or the bread of Heaven, when He is within your reach?** There is no reason to be thirsty or go around hungry anymore when He offers this life to you freely.

**“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”** Matthew 5:6 KJV. **Do you long for a new, better life?** *Then hunger no more, because Jesus wants to fill you.* **Just let Him!** This promise is not for those who are happily filling themselves up with the spiritual “husks” of this world or with the false ideas that some have of how to be saved or to be happy, etc. This promise is not for those who don’t truly want it. **But this promise is for all those who are tired of sinning, tired of living in shame, tired of failing, tired of hurting themselves and others, tired of guilt who just want a better life.** Those who are tired of filling themselves up with the spiritual “husks” of this world, or with false ideas of how to be saved or be happy, can come - come to Jesus. To all whose desire is this – come! Come to Him that you might have life and have it more abundantly! Jesus said **‘I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.’** John 10:10 KJV. Is this what you want?

“In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘**If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” John 7:37-39 KJV. Yes, all who are thirsty come unto Jesus and drink, and out of their belly will flow rivers of living water! “**And Jesus said ‘come to the waters stand by my side, I know you are thirsty you won’t be denied.’** And I saw every tear drop when in darkness you cried. And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died.”  
\* From the song: “For those tears I died”, by Marsha Stevens-Pino.

“**The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.**” Revelation 22:17 NASB.

**So all who are thirsty, all who are weary, come and tarry with Jesus awhile.** Abide with Him for as long as you will. He will supply all your needs according to the riches of His grace. “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 NASB. *And He will give you peace, and joy, and will take away your guilt and fears that you cannot make it; He will give you a new life! Is that what you want? He wants to give it to you!* He wants to be in you a well of water springing up unto eternal life!

**May the grace of God and the fellowship of Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit be with you all!  
Amen.**

## Songs for the Message Today:

### Abide with Me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYYyRcuNFZ0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbkvjnwEDEw>

### Listen to Heritage Singers sing: ‘For Those Tears I Died’:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQv2\\_s7oo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQv2_s7oo)

### Read the lyrics to ‘For those tears I died’ here:

<http://www.songlyrics.com/heritage-singers/for-those-tears-i-died-lyrics/>

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