

Which Yoke?

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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."

"There's one list that's just as important as your 'to-do list', and that's your 'NOT-to-do list' (Quote)." Many times we let what we perceive as urgent, drown out the important, and end up not living out an impactful, God-centered life. A Marine Corp. Sergeant Major told me, "Aaron, a hundred years from now, what will it matter?" That question seems to evaporate a heap of the things that I perceived as "Urgent".

Jesus gives us a simple spiritual equation that is guaranteed to impact eternity...his yoke. But isn't that the one thing we tend to sacrifice first, for what seems so stinking important to our flesh? Jesus' yoke has relationship written all over it. The yoke you choose to shoulder now will have an effect a hundred years from now, either for the good or bad.

When you take up the yoke of Christ, it naturally shows you God's "to-do list" and his "NOT-to-do List". I've found that Jesus' yoke truly is easy, and the burden light. If it seems hard or impossible, it's because we make it that way, and try to pull life in our own direction, instead of God's.

Jesus doesn't say, "You need a college degree and experience to pick up my yoke." He simply says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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." So which yoke do you prefer, yours or Jesus'?