

Be Encouraged by Jesus' Invitation!



Matthew 11:25-30

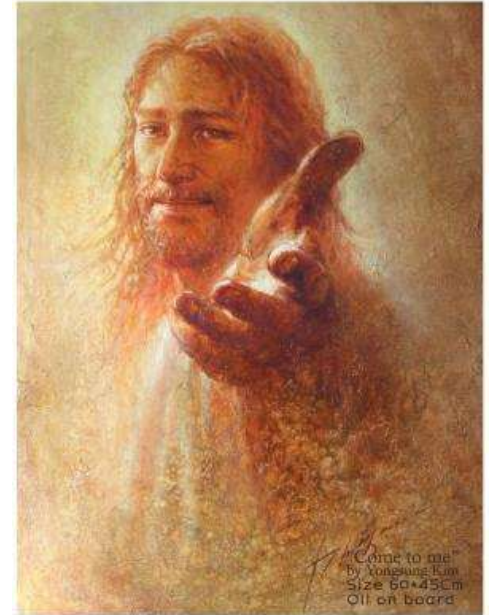
Introduction



- **We enjoy getting invitations!**
- **we look for RSVP**
- **Jesus' invitation waiting for our RSVP!**
- **invite to come apart and rest!**
- **"What's your hurry?"**
- **invitation by Jesus is no puff piece!**

Invitation sent out by Jesus' authority

- The Father's gracious will
- Handed over to Him by the Father
- Based on mutual intimacy
- The Son chooses to send it out
- Can't toss it in the trash!



Invitation to the heavy laden

- **Come to me—personal**
- **Condition—toiling & being burdened**
- **Heavy burdens explained in Luke 11:37-52**
- **Take away and hinder (Luke 11:52)**
- **Institutional religion replaced by relational faith!**



Invitation is to the “little children!”

- **Song—Jesus loves the little children**
- **Context of Matthew—11:19 look at Him!**
- **Children in Matt—18:3; 19:13, 14**
- **Humility and trust to receive it!**
- **God gives to those pushed aside!**

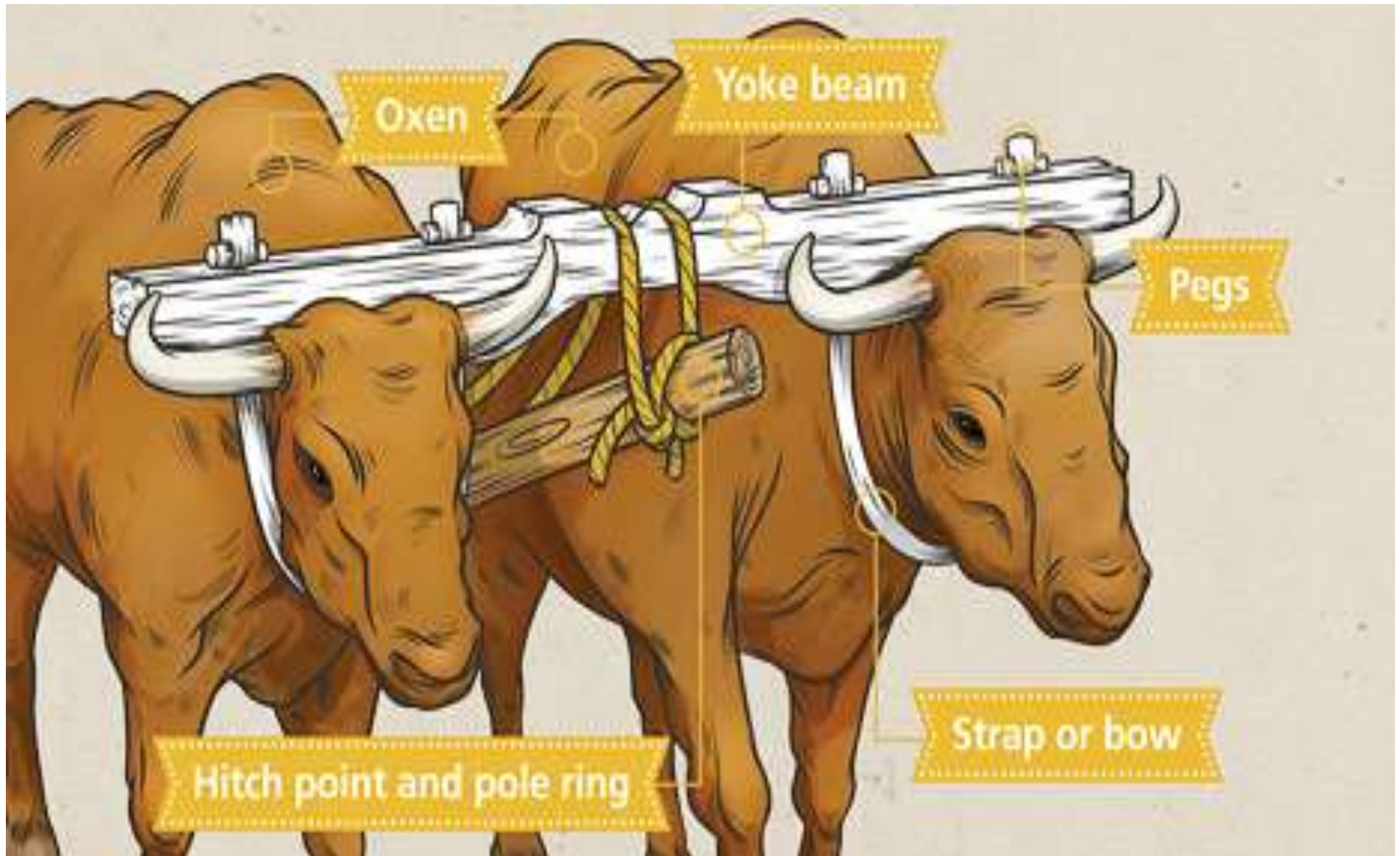


Invitation is threefold



- **Take**
- **Learn**
- **Find Rest**
- **Recipe for soulful wholeness**
- **Found in the body of Christ incarnate**
- **Invite others to this rest!**

Invitation by metaphor



Yoke

- **Picture of ancient yoke**
- **Intentional taking of the yoke**
- **Learn about me, experience me**
- **Jesus yoke is easy & light—replaces the wood!**
- **Gentle and lowly in heart**

Conclusion

- Invitation is to the “little children!”
- Invitation sent out by Jesus’ authority
- Invitation to the heavy laden
- Invitation is threefold
- Invitation by metaphor (yoke)
- Am I ready to accept Jesus’ invitation?