
you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Fast track: emulating example in community

*Ecclesiastes 10:10 If the axe is blunt and one does not sharpen the edge he must put forth more strength, but **wisdom** helps one to succeed.*

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Phil. 3:17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

*Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and **I will give you rest**. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Pg. 1: trust

Pg. 3: thirst;

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Spiritual Formation

Isolation—part 2

We are made for a particular kind of community

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Weariness is...

...“normal,” and the result of the pursuit of pleasure or at least relief.

Weariness is the natural result of continuing to _____ something or someone that either leaves us only partly satisfied, or emptier than when we began.

- **The pursuit of pleasure**

Ecclesiastes 1:1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: ² “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

*Proverbs 17:24 A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but **a fool’s eyes wander to the ends of the earth**.*

*Jeremiah 14:10 This is what the LORD says about this people: “**They greatly love to wander**; they do not restrain their feet. So, the LORD does not accept them; he will now remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins.”*

Weariness is...

...an invitation to deeper desires

John 4:13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

*Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and **thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Psalm 42:2 **My soul thirsts for God**, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

*Psalm 63:1 O God, my God, how I search for you; how **I thirst for you**, as, **in a dry and parched land where there is no water**.*

*Hosea 2:3 Otherwise I will strip her naked and make her as bare as on the day she was born; **I will make her like a desert, turn her into a parched land, and slay her with thirst**.*

... an invitation to a different satisfaction and a deeper life

Character formation. Living on the basis of His love, living like Christ and loving like Christ define our deepest life.

Philippians 3:8 ...I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Our greatest joys come from:

- Learning to live like He did (character formation)
- Finding our satisfaction in God (spiritual formation)
- Reflecting His love to the people around us, (relational formation)

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

*² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not **satisfy**? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, **that you may live**.*

Finding our satisfaction in God:

- We experience a deeper satisfaction in God on occasion.
- He wants to create a greater _____ for satisfaction in relation to Him.

It is not the experience with God that He is after.
It is a thirst for God that matters.

... is an invitation to discover Jesus

Mark 4:19 ... but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

*Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and **I will give you rest**. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon*