

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: An Invitation You Don't Have to Earn

Devotional

There is a moment in Scripture where Jesus looks at every exhausted, overwhelmed, and broken person and says simply, "Come." Not "clean yourself up first" or "come back when you have it together." Just come.

Matthew 11:28-30 captures one of the most personal invitations ever extended. Jesus is not calling the polished or the put-together. He is calling the weary. He is calling you.

So many people carry the quiet belief that they need to reach a certain level before approaching God. Maybe you feel like your mistakes are too recent, your faith too small, or your life too messy. But Jesus does not set those conditions. He meets you exactly where you are.

He is gentle. He is humble. And He is not waiting for you to be impressive before He welcomes you in.

Today is a good day to stop waiting and simply come to Him honestly, without a facade, without pretending everything is fine. He already knows where you are. He is just waiting for you to stop running and turn toward Him.

That is where rest begins.

Bible Verse

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden. I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. For I am gentle and lowly in heart. And you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life where you have been waiting to feel "ready enough" to bring it honestly before God?

Quote

"He isn't distanced from you because of your mistakes. He's not distanced from you because you have failed. He's not distanced from you because you haven't took time to learn from him before. And he's not saying, well, it's too late for you to do it now. Jesus Christ says, come to me all that are weary and heavy laden."

Prayer

Lord, thank You that Your invitation has no fine print and no waiting period. Help me come to You today just as I am, trusting that You are gentle and that You are enough. Amen.