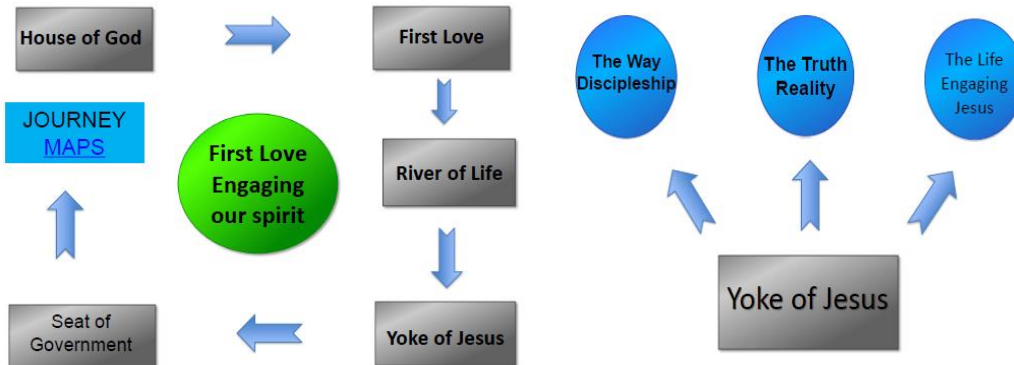


Module 3 – First Love 11 – Yoke of Jesus 2 – the Truth

Session 11

We are on a journey or an adventure together discovering how to engage the spiritual realms

- Discovering those realms within us around us & the heavenly realms
- On this journey we are going to follow the pathway of relationship and responsibility



Matt 11:28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, 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.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- Believers in Jesus were called followers of the way

Way of discipleship is to engage the Truth

Cross Bearing:

- Matthew 16:24 – “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”
- Matthew 10:38: – “anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

Galatians 2:20: – “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”

- Gal 5:24: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.
- Discipleship deals with self

Self Denial:

- Matthew 16:24: – “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”
- Doing His will must be our first priority.
- Discipleship is following Jesus the way by denying the wrong path and wrong source daily by our choice

Leaving Everything:

- Luke 14:26: – “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33: – “In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has, cannot be my disciple.”

- Following Jesus must be our first priority, above our family, career, comfort, even our own life.

We must be willing to forsake anything that can hinder our walk with Christ.

- Phil 3:7-9 “But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him..”

Fruitfulness:

- John 15:8: -“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

- Bearing fruit is a sign of growth and maturity.

What is the purposes of fruit?

- To carry the seed that has the potential to multiply

- To produce more plants

- Fruit of discipleship is therefore more disciples

- Jesus is the first fruits of many brothers

Love for Others:

- John 13:34-35: – “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

First Love for Christ:

- 2 Cor 5:14: – “For Christ’s love compels us.”

- Love for Christ should be the compelling force for us to follow him.

- Not fear or religious duty

- John 14:23: – “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching.”

Abiding in His Words & Teaching:

- John 8:31: – “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”

- John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

- Regular daily relationship and intimacy with the living word

The Word used for ‘Disciple’ in Greek (‘mathetes’) refers generally to student, pupil, or apprentice.

- One who is a follower of a master, spiritual teacher or religious leader

- One who lives by the teachings and lifestyle of his master.

- One who holds the standard and ideals set by his master.

- One who wants to be like his master.

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Another use for the word Yoke was in reference to following the Rabbi

- Rabbi - Teacher - Master
- Some Rabbis attached a physical yoke onto their followers or disciples as a cord that went around their necks
- The follower had to follow closely enough to be covered by his dust

A particular rabbinical interpretation of the Bible has been called a “yoke.” you live by it.

- We are all yoked to someone’s influencing thoughts despite so many claiming to “just follow the Bible.”
- We must become yoked to Jesus to know and understand Him and His teaching

When a Rabbi asked you to "take up his yoke," he was actually asking you to come and follow him and his teachings.

- The goal, as a disciple of the Rabbi, was to become like the Rabbi, learning and then spreading his yoke to others.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy. I'm not about endless rules and regulations!"

- So when Jesus came as a Rabbi, He didn't just pull these phrases out of thin air.
- This was how Rabbis spoke. "Hey, my yoke is easy. Take it upon you. My burden is light."

To be yoked to a Teacher you had to be the best of the best

- There was an order in the Hebrew education system
- The first stage is called Beth-Safar. This was for kids aged 5 or 6
- During this time, the children would memorize the Torah the first five books of scriptures

The next stage of Jewish education is called Beth-Talmud. This is for those aged 10-14,

- They would memorize all the rest of the scriptures
- During this time, they would also learn the art of questions and answers.

The next stage of Hebrew education was Beth-Midrash only for the best of the best. This happened at age fourteen.

- They were to start to study the oral and the written laws, all the things the Rabbi had written and said,
- They would begin to memorize and process and they would have passionate discussions about it.

If the rabbi believed that you had what it takes, he would say, "Come, take my yoke upon you."

- This was the highest honour in the days of Jesus. So around the age of 14, you would leave everything; Parents, synagogue, community, the family business, and devote your life to following this Rabbi everywhere.

The idea was that if you followed behind your rabbi on the dusty roads, you would get covered in his dust.

- Meaning, you were following his steps so closely to be so much like him that you are honoured to be covered with the dust he left behind. That is how close a disciple wanted to be to his Rabbi.

The goal of a disciple was to be exactly like his Rabbi. They would spend their whole day following the Rabbi everywhere.

- Every detail of the Rabbi's life was copied, even down to how he chewed his food.
- They were interested in everything as they want to look like him.

1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

- Do we want to be like Jesus the Truth?
- Do we want to be conformed to His image?
- Do we want to do His works and greater?

Matthew 4:18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

Why are they fishermen?

They didn't make the cut! They were not good enough.

- They were learning to ply their trade as fishermen because a Rabbi had not taken them on.
- Jesus goes to the losers, the rejects, the misfits, and He calls them!

Matthew 4:19-20. "Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him.

- Why did they just drop everything and follow Him at a few words from this Rabbi?
- Because this was the highest honour

Jesus is a Rabbi and He's calling disciples. They are not good enough and yet a Rabbi wants them!

- He thinks that they can actually be like Him!
- He thinks that they can do it!
- So of course they drop what they are doing and they follow the Rabbi

The Rabbi only selects disciples that could one day be just like him and further the "yoke" he teaches.

- As illustrated in Peter walking/sinking on water (as well as other stories where Jesus expresses disappointment), our problem is not faith in Jesus

Our problem is that we do not believe in ourselves the way Jesus believes in us – we can be like Him!

- If Alan Sugar or Donald Trump pointed at you and said "You are hired" You would know that you were being taken on as an apprentice or a business partner

Jesus says to you "take my yoke and learn from Me as apprentice sons or gods

Therefore you will not be limited by your human existence and will become free to pursue your eternal existence and your destiny as sons of God

1 Cor 1:27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong

- He is calling you to become like Him
- He is calling you to fulfil your eternal destiny

- Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

- Eph 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

- Your destiny scroll

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- The Truth is a teacher and a role model of that truth - this is no theory

- We need to learn to embrace the Truth

Isa 50:4 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

Learn from Him and find rest for our souls

- Receive our acceptance and confidence in the Truth

- John 6:62 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:16 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the Truth

- That which is true or in accordance with fact or reality:

- A fact or belief that is accepted as true

- Hebrew firmness, faithfulness, truth

- Greek was synonymous for "reality" as the opposite of illusion,

- English faithfulness, constancy

Knowing the Truth by personal experience

- Know Jesus as the truth or reality

- What is Reality?

- The state of things as they actually exist, as opposed to an idealistic or notional idea of them.

- Reality the state or quality of having existence or substance.

When we come to know the Truth we experience true reality

- True reality is not what we have come to know through our earthly experiences

- We have been living in an illusion veiled as reality

What is your reality?

- Is your reality shaped by what you have experienced and what you have seen?

- Can you trust what you see?

- Some scientists believe that this reality behaves like a holographic projection

- Where are you looking for your reality?

- Is your truth relative or absolute?

God is light God is Spirit God is love

• $E=Mc^2$

•Mass and energy are two forms of the same thing. Mass can turn into energy and energy can turn into mass at near-to-light-speed.

• $M=E/c^2$

•When mass is converted into energy, the resulting energy is by definition moving at the speed of light

Everything depends on from which perspective you are looking at it

•Your consciousness has the ability to effect energy and matter from a quantum perspective

•Light is an energy wave that carries the potential to become a matter particle depending on the thought of the viewer

There are many things that are true but they may not be the truth

•The Truth can change the facts as the Truth carries a higher reality

•You may have a disease but from the perspective of the Truth you are in health

•Your experience will be relative to what you are aligned with facts or Truth

John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

•It is only by knowing the Truth or reality that you can truly be free

•How do we know the truth?

John 18:37.. I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

•Eph 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

•Eph 4:24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

The Old Testament word for know is “yadah” which means “personal encounter.”

•The New Testament word for know is “ginosko” and this is the word used for a man knowing his wife and bearing a child.

Engaging God Yoke of

It is time to be unplugged from the deception of the matrix that has limited who you are.

•What is the Matrix?

•It is the world that has been pulled over our eyes

•It is the false reality that we have been living in

2 Cor 2:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

The enemy does not want us to see the truth, so he puts a veil of illusion over us that keeps us earth-bound and locked into the past.

•2 Cor 3:15 but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

But inspite of that Religion has kept us with a veil over our eyes

- Religion keeps us tied to an old system of rules and away from a relationship with the Truth
- The veil of religion has been pulled over our minds.
- There is no spoon – life is not how it seems

The veil is the construct of deception that has robbed us of true reality.

The veil that has limited our potential and kept us earthbound

- Temet Nosce (seen over the door when Neo visits the oracle) – Know Thyself this is impossible apart from knowing Jesus
- Don't think you are - know you are.
- We must know the Truth if we are to be free indeed.

The veil has limited our potential and kept us from our destiny as sons of God, limiting us to live in this illusion, the matrix of this world.

- Our enemy has veiled our minds in unbelief using old order religious systems to keep us locked up by unbelief, doubt and fear.
- It is time for the Truth
- Can you handle the Truth? The truth is way beyond what you can imagine right now.

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Eph 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

This Truth is beyond what I can presently imagine or think.

- Renewing our minds is the expanding of our consciousness to know our true potential.
- He chose the foolish things to confound the wise so we would know it is only through Jesus the truth

Our minds must be enlightened illuminated by the light of Truth to unlock the true potential of our sonship the creative image we are made in. The vast sum of Gods thoughts about me that reveal that I am a son of God created in His image with a destiny to rule the universe with Him

Truth is a person known only by personal experience - beyond

- Free to know – who God is and who I am
- Free to see reality from the perspective of my eternal destiny scroll
- Free to be who I was created to be
- Free to do all I was created to do
- Free to go where I was created to go

Jesus the Truth the second Adam removes the limits placed on me by first Adam to restore me and conform me to my original eternal condition.

- Restored bandwidths of energy, of abilities lost at fall, flood and Babel

The Truth that I am conscious of and know by experience will set me free from being tethered to the earth and the physical realm and being under it's rule and bondage

- The Truth will release us into the glorious freedom of sonship.

John 8:36 Who the son (the Truth) sets free will be free indeed

- Free from the chains of time and space and the dimensional restrictions of the matrix of our belief systems and mind-sets. Don't be limited by what you presently think.
- Free to fly untethered and unrestricted

There can be many realities, but there is One Truth.

- The Truth, once perceived may not always be to our taste.
- It may not always be convenient or pleasant.
- It may require sacrifice and discipline.

When we turn from the Truth and return to pseudo-realities, it is either because we fear the hardships and responsibilities that freedom brings, or we lose sight of the higher purpose that we are called to.

- We serve as one "unplugged", or we will just plain find the truth unpalatable

2 Cor 4:18 ...while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. We must look at the eternal if are to change the temporal.

- We are merely visitors in a temporary illusion known as life unless we can see true reality

If we can't perceive the eternal realm of which we are citizens we are confined and tethered to this version of reality

- Earthbound restricted and living a carefully constructed illusion that limits us to being mere mortals unable to change anything or fulfil our destiny

The truth has been veiled and perverted in the New Age and put off limits by religious spirits operating within the old order religious systems

- We must recover the truth
- All truth is from God because Jesus is the truth but it has been veiled in deception
- Act 17:28 for in Him we live and move and exist,

Wake up, Neo! The Matrix has you

- Knowing the truth will set us free
- It is time to wake up from the dream that has kept us in unreality.
- Will you choose to take the blue pill and continue to live under the illusion or the red pill and let's see how far this rabbit hole will go?

It is time to awaken to the true potential of who we really are as sons of God:

- Joint heirs with Christ and called to answer the low frequency groan of creation that is waiting for the sons of God to be revealed in their true glory.

It is time to remove the veil

- It is time for our consciousness to be expanded
- It is time we were enlightened
- It is time that we know the Truth
- It is time embrace the mind of Christ
- 1 Cor 2:16... But we have the mind of Christ

Expand your consciousness in regard to sonship and remember everything is exceedingly and abundantly beyond what you imagine or think with the limits that have been restricting you.

It is time to embrace the limitlessness of your sonship.

Rom 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20.. in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

All of creation has it's eyes fixed looking for true sons to be revealed.

- Will you be one of those sons?
- Will you accept the call?
- Will you embrace your destiny?
- Will you accept His yoke and learn from Him the Truth?

He is calling for the sons of God to arise.

Activation Exercise:



Close your eyes

- Begin to think about that door in your spirit
- Activate your imagination as the doorway to encounter
- Picture the door reach out and open the door
- The river is flowing God starts to envelope you

Invite Jesus to embrace you

- Let Him reveal himself to you
- Let Him surround you and join with you
- Feel the light energy; His vibrational frequency energising you.
- Feel Him touch your whole being feel restoration and renewal

See Jesus with the yoke of discipleship

- Are you willing to know the Truth

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- Are you willing to let Jesus put His yoke on your shoulders
- Are willing to take the burden of your governmental responsibility as a son

Let Him Unplug you from the limited constructs of your mind

- Let Him expand your reality
- Let Him expand your conscious awareness of who you are
- Let the Truth free you to know true reality

Let Him free you to know Him

- Let Him free you to see your scroll
- Let Him free you to be
- Let Him free you to do
- Let Him free you to go beyond



Let Him take you flying beyond your limits

- Let Him take you outside your limits
- Let Him show you eternal reality
- Let Him reveal your true reality

