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Female: And now for, Entering His Rest, Part 5.

C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the Word.

Well welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook live. Welcome to today's service. It's always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to join us.

We would like to share just a little humor, this some humor from Billy Graham and this was actually the true story of Billy Graham said, "He was once in a small town, holding a crusade and one day, he decided he needed to mail a letter. And so, he asked the little boy how to get to the post office. And after getting directions, Billy Graham said that he invited the young boy to come to his crusade that evening. He said, "You can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." He told the boy and the boy's response was, "I don't think, I'll be there, you don't even know your way to the post office."

This is another little humor that Billy Graham told. He said, "He once heard about a man some time ago who had a watermelon patch and some rascals in the community were stealing him blind. So, he said, "All right, I'll get them." So, he put up a sign in his watermelon patch that said, "One of these melons is poisoned." He went to bed and got up the next morning and sure enough, they hadn't stolen a watermelon. Everything was the same except, the sign had been changed, it now read, "Two of these watermelons is poisoned."

We're sharing Part 5 of series that I have been sharing in and entitled, "Entering His Rest," and were going to look at a set of scriptures over in the Book of Matthew, Matthew Chapter 11. Matthew Chapter 11, and we'll read verses 28 through 30, Matthew Chapter 11, Verses 28 through 30. What we found out

in this particular series that I have been sharing in is that, the Book of Hebrew, let us know that, “There remaineth a rest to the people of God. They remaineth a rest to the people of God. In the Book of Hebrews talks about that rest as being the Sabbath Day rest for the people under the Old Covenant, it was a Sabbath Day rest. They also had the Promise Land which was called, “a rest.” But then in Hebrew, this says, “But they still remain a rest for the people of God.” Letting us know that there is something that as people of God, we haven’t fully tapped into their remaineth the rest for us.

Jesus actually talks about this rest himself over in the Book of Matthew, where we’re going to read today. Matthew Chapter 11 Verses 28 through 30, when you get there, say, “Amen.” Matthew Chapter 11 Verse 28 through 30, let’s read there, it says, verse 28, you can read it together with me in unison.

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

I am going to also read it from the Amplified Bible, the Amplified Bible says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and overburdened and I will call you to rest. I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle, meek and humble, lowly in heart and you will find rest, relief, and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet for your souls. For my yoke is wholesome, useful, good, not harsh, not hard, not sharp or oppressing, but comfortable, gracious and pleasant, and my burden is light and easy to be borne.”

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Didn’t that sound good? Well, that’s the rest that we have in Christ, that’s the rest that we have in Christ. Now, Jesus gives three commands to receiving this rest. I love the simple, practical lesson that He gives us about receiving this rest. The first command He gives, number one is, “Come to me.” Come to me. Everybody says, “Come to me.” I like that. So that’s the first command. He said, “Come to me.”

Noticed, he said, "You come." You come. He didn't say, "Bring your burdens and drop them off." He didn't say, "Give me your problems." It's not your problems that He wants, it's you that He wants. He says, "You come, you come." And so, there is a personal encounter that Christ invites us to have with him. When I searched the scriptures, when I taught on the miracles of Jesus, one recurring thing that I saw throughout all of the accounts where Jesus dealt with people. Jesus loved to have a personal encounter. He would always say, "Bring them here, bring them here." Or, he will say, "Come to me," or He would say, "Who touched me?"

He wanted to have face-to-face and He would always have personal encounters. So, he invites us to have this personal encounter with him. So, the first command He gives us for receiving His rest is, "Come to me, you come." He doesn't want to suggest hand out problems of, because if we do that, we'll go against some more problems. So, he said, "You come." So, it's not about the issues in your life, it's not about the circumstances, it's not about the problems, it's about you. It's about you. He wants a personal encounter with you. He invites you; He wants you. Turn to your neighbor say, "He wants you. He wants your heart. He wants your attention. He wants your time. He wants your affection."

Let me say this to you, the devil tries to limit our time with God because he knows our time with God limits him. So, the devil was very crafty and I think, his number one scheme is to keep you from spending time with God because he knows that is the powerhouse, that's the thing that gives you victory and that's the thing that powers your Christianity, powers your faith. It powers your joy; it powers your whole life.

When you spend time with the Lord, when you spend time with Christ Jesus, you're literally spending time with eternal life. He is the eternal life. That's why it affects your physical body, not only blesses your spirit, but your physical body is affected. That's why when you come to church, you haven't noticed you feel a little better? And you feel a little bit more energetic, you're not aching as much, but I guess. because pastor have been having all you all stretching and doing all these exercises. But there is something about when you are interfacing with eternal life, life is imparted into your spirit and when life imparts into your spirit, it spills over into your body. And so, it affects our flesh, it affects our body.

And so, when you spend time with Jesus, through His Word, through prayer, you are spending time with the eternal life and the devil will try every tactic to limit your time with him because he knows that limits his influence in your life. And so, Jesus said, “Come to me.” Everybody say “Come to me.” That’s the first command that He gives us for receiving this rest, “Come to me.” He wants a personal encounter, a personal encounter with each of us. I love the invitation.

Number two, He gives the second command and he make it very simple. The second command is, “Take My Yoke upon you.” Take my yoke upon you. Now, from first glance, it looks like Jesus is actually trying to make things worse. If you are already burdened and now, He is trying to add another yoke on top of the burdens, you are already had. See, “You’re already yoked and He says now, “Take my yoke upon you.” So, it looks like, he’s trying to make things worse, but known the keyword is, “My”. Everybody say “My.” So, you’re under a yoke that makes you weary, but He is trying to give you a yoke that makes you better. And so He says, “Take my yoke.”

A yoke was a wooden harness that was wrapped around the neck and shoulders of oxen. So, that would be a couple of oxen and they will have this wooden harness put around their neck and shoulder and they will be connected to the equipment, so that they could pull the equipment to plow or to till. And so, that’s what a yoke is. And so, Jesus said, “That my yoke is easy.” And so, this is why as key, that it is His yoke.

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Not the yoke that you’re yoke with, but it’s His yoke. His yoke is easy. And so, these are some of the descriptive terms that are used about His yoke is easy. His yoke is easy. Everybody says “Easy.”

And here are some of the definitions that I found in the Greek for the word easy. Where Jesus said, “My yoke is easy.” It means my yoke is better, it means its good, it’s kindly, it’s gracious, it’s pleasant, it’s profitable, is useful. There’s nothing to hurt us it only refreshes us. It’s a yoke lined with love. That’s what it means when he says, “My yoke is easy.”

And then another description we receive of this yoke is that, it's well-fitting. Easy means, that it's well-fitting. Everybody says "Well-fitting." See, when they put yoke on the oxen if it didn't fit right or if it wasn't adjusted right, it will cause sores to be on the oxen because it would be scraping their skin and injuring the oxen. So, it needed to be adjusted. It needed to be well-fitting.

So, this yoke that Jesus has is well fitting. It fits the work that He has for us. Every person is unique, every person is different. And so, we all have a custom-fit yoke where God has designed for your life is custom-fit for you. It's custom-designed for you. You're uniquely created by God. You're God's unique creation. You're His unique creation. You don't have to try to be like anyone else. God wants you to be you. You're God's unique creation. There's only one of you. There's only one of you in the whole world that makes you a rare commodity. You are a price less treasure.

You know, anytime there's something that's rare, the price escalates on it. There's only one of you in the whole world. You're rare. You're priceless, that's why you mean so much to God. That's why, you're so valuable to God. There's no one else on Earth like you. There's no one else on Earth like you. You're one of a kind., you're one of a kind.

You know, even artists when they do artwork, a lot of times, they'll have several pieces in their series and they will number them. They may have a limited edition. So, they may have a hundred prints. But there's not a hundred prints of you. There's only one of you. How much more rare and valuable does it make you? Oh, so you're rare, you're one of a kind and so, it's a well-fitting yoke because we're all different. We're all unique and He has something that fits us. He has something that fits us.

That's the reason some people are stressed out and burned out because they're wearing somebody else's yoke. They're not doing what God designed them to do. That's why you can be unhappy and unfulfilled in your work because it's not your calling, it's not your purpose. It's not why God has you on the Earth, it's not well-fitting. The yoke is not fitting well in your life.

And so, Jesus said, "That His yoke is well-fitting. It's exactly what He designed for us. He knows exactly what your purpose is and what you're designed for in life. And so, this is about purpose.

So, this yoke is about purposes well-fitting. It's designed, it's customized for you. And so, I love that it's well fitting. Everybody says "Well-fitting." His yoke is easy, His yoke is well-fitting. His yoke is well fitting.

Now, a yoke pictures three things: number one, a yoke pictures connection. A yoke pictures connection. And so, Jesus is saying, "Be with Me, be with Me." To be yoked with Him is connection. So, he's saying, "Be with me." Yokes are made for two." Remember I said, when the farmers put the yoke on the oxen there's two of them together. Yoke is not designed for one, it's designed for two. And so, a yoke pictures connection, connection. Everybody say "Connection." So, a yoke is made for two, not one. We're not meant to go through life without God. We're not meant to do our own thing. We're not meant to try to do it on our own strength and our own might and have our own will because when we do that, we miss the connection. The yoke is designed for two. And so, we're not designed to live apart from God.

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And so, this connection speaks of our relationship. It speaks of unity, it speaks of our union with Him, it speaks about our intimacy with Him, our closeness with Him. Listen to this scripture. This is Colossians, Chapter 2, Verse 6 says, "As you have therefore received Christ even Jesus the Lord. So, walk, regulate your lives and conduct yourselves in union with and conformity to Him." So, just as you have received Christ, walk with Christ. Walk in Christ.

So, in other words, just as you receive Christ stay with Him, stay with Him just as you receive Him now live with Him. Don't just receive Him and then try to do life on your own. No, as you have received Christ, now it's you and Christ. You do life with Christ; you do life with Christ. You're yoked together.

And so, the picture of the yoke is connection. That's the first picture we get is connection. Be with me, be with me. The second picture we get from the yoke is, direction. He's saying, "Follow Me, follow Me." See, you can't be yoked with Jesus and go your own way anymore. See, you can't have two oxen and one is going left and one is trying to go right. No, they have to move in the same direction.

So, the second picture we get from this yoke is direction. The first is connection, "Be with Me." The second is direction, "Follow Me." We follow Him. In other words, we want His Will for our lives. We surrender ourselves to His Will, His Way. I want His purpose, I surrender, I yield to His Will. And so, as the act of surrender, it's an act of surrender. Not my direction, not my volition. It's not my own thing. I want what He wants for me. I'm yoked together. I'm going to follow Him. You move in the same direction., you move in the same direction.

When the farmers, when they explain how yokes work normally, what a farmer does, they yoke an older, bigger ox with a smaller, younger ox. And the reason they do that is because, the older ox knows the field. The older ox already knows how to plow. The older ox knows what to do. And so, the younger ox, the smaller ox all he has to do is follow the big ox. He's yoked together with somebody who knows the way. He's yoked together with somebody who already knows how to do it. All he has to do is, move in tandem with the big ox.

But the problem we have, we're the little ox and we're trying to go our own way. Knowing what you all have to do is move with the bigger the bigger, the bigger ox is really, is the one pulling the load. It's in his strength. We can't do it on our own strength. We can't do it on our own might. All you have to do is follow the big ox. He directs us. Just flow with the big ox, just flow with the big ox. That's all you have to do, just flow with the big ox. We don't even have to figure out what to do just watch the big ox and flow with them. When he turns right, turn right. If he goes left, go left. Don't try to go your own direction. Flow with the big ox. Folks we've been yoked with the big ox.

And so, the second picture we receive from this yoke is direction. Direction, "Follow Me."

The first picture is connection, "Be with me."

The second is direction, "Follow Me."

The third picture we receive form this yoke is, cooperation, "Work with Me." Work with Me. This implies a cheerful obedience to God's commands. We experience rest only when we obey. And so, cheerful obedience is also working with Him in cooperation. It's also being kingdom-minded. Where you're not just consumed on

your own little life or your own little affairs, but it's something bigger. You are a part of something bigger and you're saying, "God, what is it you want me to do today?" Who is it you want me to touch? Who is it you want me to minister to? Who can I bless? Who can I pray for? Who can I give to?"

And so, now you are kingdom-minded that's working with Him. So, you no longer living a shallow empty life just for yourself. You're now connected and now you want to receive instruction from God on what He wants you to do. Think about it, you're God's expression in the Earth. He has no hands, but your hands. He has no feet but your feet. And so, we receive our instruction, we're on assignment. You ever stopped long enough to think about this. It's not just going to work and coming home, eating dinner, watching T.V. and going to bed and doing that every day. No, you're on assignment here.

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Do you realize there are people who are lost? Do you don't realize that there are people who are hurting? There are people that are in dark. God has you on assignment. God needs you in the earth. God wants to use you in the earth, you're on assignment.

And so, that third picture we receive of the ox is, cooperation. "Work with Me." Work with Me. I want to use you. And so, we see these wonderful pictures of this ox. Now, those are the three pictures of the ox and the three commands, remember Jesus gave us for receiving this rest. Number one was, "Come to me." Everybody say, "Come to me."

Number two was, "Take My Yoke."

And then, the third and the final command He gave was, "Learn from Me." Learn of Me. Take my yoke upon you. My Yoke is easy, My burden is light, learn of Me." This is the third command to receiving His rest. Come to me, take my yoke and then, learn of me. Come to me, you come, take my yoke on you, now learn of Me, learn of Me.

It is interesting because Jesus said, two ways and said, "Learn from Me." And that's also said, "Learn of Me." Which means, "Jesus is the Lesson and the Teacher." I'm going to say that one more time, "Jesus is the Lesson and the Teacher." He is the

Lesson. Learn of Me. He is the Lesson. Learn from Me, He is the Teacher. He is the only Teacher teaching His own Lesson. He is the Lesson. Learn of Me, learn the Lesson, but He is the Teacher teaching the lesson. He is the Way and the Guide. He is the way and He is also the Guide of the Way.

And so, He's saying. "Allow Me to instruct you." Allow Me to instruct you." So, since we are yoked-up with Jesus, He knows more than we know and since we're yoked up with Him, He's saying "Since I know more than you know, I might as well teach you something."

Since we're together, think about it, you're yoked with the Master, you're yoked with the Master. Don't you think the Master wants to teach you something, while you're yoked with the Master, Learn of Me. Learn of Me. You want to find rest? Come to Me, take My Yoke on you, Learn of Me. Watch Me, see how I do it. Learn how I flow, see how I respond, see how I act, learn of Me. And this is where we have to study the Word. We find out we can study the life of Jesus, we learn of Him, you'll spend time in prayer and He wants to teach us, Learn of Me.

When you're facing situations in life, learn to pause when something comes then, learn to pause before you react, before you respond. Learn to pause and say, "Jesus, what would you have me to say? What would you have me to do here? Father, what do you want me to do?" That's how you Learn of Him, you Learn of Him and He will begin to teach you His Way. He will begin to teach you His Word. So, when we stay close, we learn, we are hooked up, we are yoked together with the Master. We're yoked together with the Master. He teaches us how to be patient in suffering, He teaches us how to walk calmly, He teaches us how to trust implicitly, He teaches us how to love intensely, He teaches us how to rejoice exceedingly. And so, we Learn of Him, we Learn from Him. Praise God.

I'm closing with this. I just want to read this final scripture. I want to read it in the Message Bible, it really puts it in modern English where you can really understand it. This is Matthew 11, Chapter 11, Verse 28 through 30. And the Message Bible it says, "Are you tired, worn out, burnt out on religion? Come to Me, get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with Me. Watch how I do it, learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything

heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you will learn to live freely and lightly. He invites us to come to Him, take His yoke and to Learn of Him.”

C. Elijah Bronner: I like something that my daughter, Alicia said, Thursday night, she said, “You know, when we have the opportunity to read the Bible, it’s not a duty or chore to do.” She said, “You’ve been invited to spend time with Love Himself.” You’ve been invited to spend time with Love, Himself. Come to me, take my yoke on you, learn of me.” Praise God, give the Lord a hand for His Word. Amen, amen.

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