Trust in God - A Yoke

Mt. 11:28-30

Intro. 1. Tonite - yoke; tomorrow - free.

2. Text one of those seasons no need to explain.

a. Heard by those never ask if theirs the weariness addressed.

b. Read in dorms, pluck offices, hosp. wards, graveside, motel, fireside, foxhole.

Read by mascared eye of empty woman; by magnif. glass of near blind saint.

c. Will be read as long as waiting rooms full, intensive care, phone doesn't ring, morning after, not accepted, alone.

3. But who needs it all - Take my yoke.

a. Image of obed., commitment; symbol the covenant.

b. Covenant - Berith - To fetter, to eat.

I Yoked - To God.

1. Call it committed.

2. Not nec. relig. word.

a. Trace in person its growth - Wild wishes child, then bargains with parents, then with God, then the price.

b. Look at it in relat. to ministry, marriage.

3. Some 51%; some 100%. Why? Born that way? Early bending - as a child taping worms back together.

4. But with most - I'll help but no yoker please.

II Yoked to Each Other,

1. Essential to the relationship. Dostoevsky's peasant woman & the onion.

2. Hard at times. Care for those who don't care. Dog sleeping on clothes; Nurse in TB hospital.

3. But we do need each other. "Tell them I was you."

III I know - Want to be free! Not tied, no burden.

1. Miserable, burden of no burden. Waste time - are we going next to PA. by an "almost minister."

2. N Years visit to PA. Guilt, depression, defenses.

3. Is that all there is? Peter in Jn. 21. Not all - Feed sheep

4. We belong in Eph. to covenant grp. He & each other. Name, ... church am member