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Mt. 11:25-30 How Faith Thinks Tenn. Assembly May, 1974

Intro. 1. Moved & honored to be home again.
2. Not time only thieves and gypsies return to scene of crimes.
Biggest mistakes, meaningful memories, close friends.
3. Theme unusual: "Credible Faith for Incred. Time".
4. When heard it, incited by 3 letters:
a. Since home again, speaks of memory as compost out of which faith comes.
No. Nostalgia.
b. Credible faith not enough. Campbell's dep. position, leads to Tillich's intell. destruction. Some truth in Tertullian.
c. this not Incredible Time. Now credible but not incred. Incred = Wow! and me not incred. Rare feat it. Reason some seek Incred. faith in Credible Time.
5. Rejected all. Not here to tinker with theme.
Only: is faith, gathering all our faculties and turning to God in open & determ'd trust.
6. Begin with the Mind. How does faith think?
Faith does think; not either/or.

Hear the text.

I Is ever a text needing no explanation.
1. Read every where.
2. Read thru mist of tears, under running laughter, magn. glass, mascara.
3. Will be as long as phone rings ------
4. And why not?
a. offer of peace.
b. Personal exper. of God. We do ask a dream... Stay for H. Sp. service.
5. Seems to need no comment.

II But understand my inability to resist a word.
1. Text a paraphrase of Sirach 51.
2. Wisdom's call to learn, to think, to know, to study.
3. Take the yoke - covenant - lectih - bind.
4. Then learn.
5. We just beginning to get the pt. educ'lly.

6. Yoke then permits, enables us to question, ask, seek, wonder, struggle.
7. With each other & with God.
Only he who yoked to God can struggle with him.
Jonah, Moses, Jacob, Jesus.

III But in actuality, most of us – all but yoke.
Help but not 1. Some, because of inability even to decide.
change. 5%.
will to substitute.
2. Some because of painful experiences.
Zeus w/o wing-tum. why care
Faith w/o yoke, mirage. 3. Some because of freedom. Weak ends free.

IV But a seems a sad plight of ch., tell you one sadder.
1. Burden of no burden.
2. Pleasure to pleasure. old majors rust in attic.
3. Then meet one who is. World too small, all stale, flat, tasteless.
Is that all there is? Jn. 21.
4. More there in that burden than lap of miracles.
Wyc v. 2 joined in Enid a yoke group. out there we call it church.

European story