

You Are Invited!

What kind of invitation can possibly go out now with social distancing in place? It is true that this is still a time where we are not supposed to gather in groups, but it is a wonderful time to draw close to God! He loves each of you, and cares about what you and your loved ones are going through. I would like to share with you a twofold invitation that God is giving to each of us.

The first invitation is found in 1 Peter 5:7 *“Cast all your cares upon Me, for I care for you.”* God knows what we are going through even when we don’t have the words to express it. He knows and He cares. He is willing to take, and to handle, all our worries and our cares. He didn’t say cast “some” or “most” of our cares, but rather **all** of our cares.

The second invitation is found in Matthew 11:29a-30 where Jesus says: *“Take My yoke upon you, for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”* After we cast all our cares upon Him we are invited to take His yoke. We often put a “yoke” upon our shoulders that God never intended us to bear. It can soon become unbearable to us and often leads to discouragement, depression, and even despair. God has something better for us! When we are yoked to Him then His strength is shared with us in the bond of being yoked together.

This twofold invitation from God reminds me of the old saying: “Out with the bad air” (cast all our cares upon Him), and “In with the good air” (take His yoke for His yoke is easy, and His burden is light). Even in this time of pandemic we can still flourish in the “Solid Rock,” the “Rock of Ages.” To accept this twofold invitation results in the comfort and joy of God flowing into our lives.

I sure miss seeing all of you, but trust that this will pass. All of you continue to be in my daily prayers.

Love in Christ,

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