

Daring Faith - Part 6
Should I Stay or Should I Go?
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- Daring To Stay or To Go
- Daring To Rest
- A South Star
- Something not to shoot for
- It's looking at an event or a way of life and saying "I want the exact opposite of that"
- You carry it around with you all day long
- What am I going to do with it?
- I have to learn to do something with that emotion or energy, pain or anger
- Rest in Jesus - but not be a marshmallow

Matt. 11:25-30 (ESV) At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

How to R.E.S.T.

R - **REVELATION** - Trust What's Been Revealed

Matt. 11:25 (ESV) At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;

- There is an assault on the Bible
- The Revealed Word of God
- We need to take the time to understand it more
- "Oh so you believe in unicorns"

Numbers 23:22 (KJV1611) God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

- an animal of great strength that had a prominent horn

Numbers 23:22 (NIV) God brought them out of Egypt; they have the strength of a wild ox.

- An absolute assault on the Christian faith
- These people saw the miracles but they had no effect on their hearts

Matt. 11:20 (ESV) Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

Matt. 28:19 (CEV) Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples.

1 Peter 3:15 (CEV) Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope.

- I need to know when to speak up and when to shut up

E - **EXCUSES** - Understand the Choice

Matt. 11:27 (ESV) All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

- Jesus makes the offer
- We get the choice
- Some people simply make excuses rather than make a choice
- By not making a choice you're making a choice

John 10:10b (NIV) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Luke 14:16-18 (NIV) Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses.

- The banquet is the invitation to the kingdom of heaven
- It's not just for the distant future it's for the here and now!!
- Some people are going to reject the invitation
- Distractions
- Jesus is making a point of a great banquet at a great banquet

Luke 14:1 (NIV) One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

Luke 14:21 (NIV) "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'

- The kingdom of God is quite simply for those who are broken and know it
- The kingdom of God is for those who've tried every other angle and now realize there are no other angles
- The kingdom of God is for those who just can't get their act together
- Religion is for people who are afraid of hell, Jesus is for people who've already been there

Luke 5:32 (GNT) I have not come to call respectable people to repent, but outcasts."

S - SAFETY - Find Your Safe Place

Matt. 11:28 (ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Johnny Cash - "The gospel of Christ must always be an open door with a welcome sign for all."
- "Grace isn't for the deserving."

3 Reason We Need a Safe Place:

A) Because life is TOUGH!

Acts 14:22, "(Paul and Barnabus) strengthened the disciples and encouraged them to remain true to the faith, reminding them that we must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

B) Because good is always OPPOSED by evil!

Phil. 1:28 (CEV) Be brave when you face your enemies. Your courage will show them that they are going to be destroyed, and it will show you that you will be saved. God will make all of this happen,

C) Because we need each OTHER!

1 Thess. 5:11 (AMP) Therefore encourage and comfort one another and build up one another, just as you are doing.

Romans 14:19 (AMP) So then, let us pursue [with enthusiasm] the things which make for peace and the building up of one another [things which lead to spiritual growth].

T - TRUST - Trust Fully In The Lord.

Matt. 11:29-30 (ESV) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- Do you ever feel tired?
- Do you ever feel weary?
- And he's like I totally get that!
- There is mental fatigue.
- There is emotional fatigue
- There is spiritual fatigue.
- Rest is not a condition of the body, it is a condition of the soul.
- Overload
- South Star

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG) "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned 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'll learn to live freely and lightly."

- Augustine "The soul is restless and it will not rest until it finds its rest in God."
- Jesus tells us to go but he also tells us to rest
- Learn the unforced rhythms of grace