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

What is the easy yoke of Christ? Is it merely a platitude or is it something real and applicable to our modern lives? For many of us, the past several months have been anything but easy. Amidst our own trials, Sarah and I are reminded that trials are not the exclusive domain of missionaries serving in the Muslim world. We receive regular prayer requests from friends and family around the United States who are experiencing health concerns, financial hardships, and seasons of spiritual drought. When the issues of life feel so heavy, how do we put on the easy yoke?



Amidst trials and uncertainty, there is a tendency to rely on our own strength to resolve the problem. In so doing, we only deplete ourselves further by shouldering burdens that are best shouldered by our Lord and Savior. Dallas Willard once wrote, “What we most learn in his yoke, the easy yoke of Christ, beyond acting with him, is to abandon outcomes to God, accepting that we do not have in ourselves – in our own ‘heart, soul, mind, and strength’ – the where-withal to make this come out right, whatever ‘this’ is.” The act of “abandoning outcomes” provides us with the freedom to follow rather than control. We can use our talents *for Him* rather than feeling the pressure to *be Him*.

The prophet Habakkuk lived in a world where violence and idolatry dominated the divided kingdom of Israel. Exasperated, he cries out, “How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?” Eventually God responds by sending the Babylonians and the violence only intensifies. Amidst all the chaos, though, Habakkuk begins to experience the “easy yoke” as he grasps God’s sovereignty. His words in vs 3: 17-19 are nothing short

of remarkable – “though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.”

Through all the challenges and uncertainty that life invariably brings, our hope and prayer is that we can shoulder that “easy yoke” together and recognize the majesty of the one who has taken the burdens in our place.

Sarah and Caleb Update

Sarah and Caleb continue to do well in Colorado Springs. Caleb now has two teeth and should be crawling any day. Aside from periodic ear infections, his health remains stable. We are hoping to reunite as a family in mid-June.



Prayer Requests

PRAYER: For persecuted Christians in our region (Mali, Burkina Faso) who face ongoing dangers from Islamic extremists.

PRAYER: For continued medical stability for our son Caleb

PRAYER: For Sarah as she begins to prepare for the move back to Senegal.

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