



# UNFILTERED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THROUGH THE SON.

Friday, March 17 | Matthew 11:25-30

In verses 28-30, Jesus invites us to rest. Jesus is making a point to tell the people in Galilee, and us even today, that because of Him, we can know God. We don't have to spend 10 years on degrees and education to have a relationship with him. Jesus is encouraging us to push aside what we "think" we know, and to become like children, uneducated and lacking the "filter" that comes with years of experience and knowledge, to see through all the smoke and really get to know, and have a relationship with God. Education is great, knowledge is great, they can help us learn and understand many things, but the only way to really know God and have a relationship with Him is through his son, Jesus. Verse 27 can get a bit confusing, but Jesus is just explaining his relationship with his Father and how we can know the father through him. As The Message version puts it, "This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I'm not keeping it to myself; I'm ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen." This is the connection we can have with God, creator of the universe, because Jesus opened the door.

Whether you're an expert in doctrine and religious studies, or someone like me without even a bachelor's degree, I encourage you to continue or begin to seek out a relationship and connection with the Father through Jesus without being tied down by what you "think" you may know. And, spend some time focusing on his words and actions when you get tired, and burned out. You will find some great relief when you learn to rest and relax, and just enjoy some time with Jesus.

**Prayer:** God, help me to focus more on a relationship with you, through your son. Help me to look past my own ideas and ideas of the world and others and get to know you for who you really are. Help me to find rest and comfort in knowing you are with me.

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