

The Rest of the Story, 1

WHAT IF . . .

What would it be like to be so fully satisfied in our soul that we didn't need stuff, or the approval of others, or the satisfaction of getting our way, to make us feel good about ourselves?

What if the circumstances of life couldn't frazzle us or cause us to fear or worry? We were unflappable because we had such faith in God's good plans and were so rooted in the love and acceptance of Jesus, that no storm or flood could move us. No words or actions of others, no painful situations of life nor any personal failure (again!) could take us down.

That is closer to a possibility than we think. As we increasingly "find ourselves" in God, worship Him, and make Him the center of our life, He imparts value, purpose and the sense of well-being to our soul - - our mind, will and emotions!

ZOE-LIFE

That is part of the Zoe-Life that we looked at in "Life in the Kingdom, 2," and is expressed in the "rest" of Mt. 11:28-30. Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." nasb



Jesus wasn't speaking of how you feel after a hard day's work on the farm or in the kitchen or office. It's the emotional frustration and exhaustion that come from trying so hard to satisfy that hunger in our gut.

Zoe-life includes release from the endless and futile pursuit of identity and well-being in things of the earth as we find soul-rest in Jesus. It is closer to the freedom and exuberant life of the Garden, the Life that we were designed for in relationship with Creator God, than most believe.

If that sounds too good to be true, it's because it represents the heart and plan of a supernatural God whose love, power, mercy, and grace are beyond human comprehension. Paul writes of that in I Cor. 2:14.

More to come!

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