

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

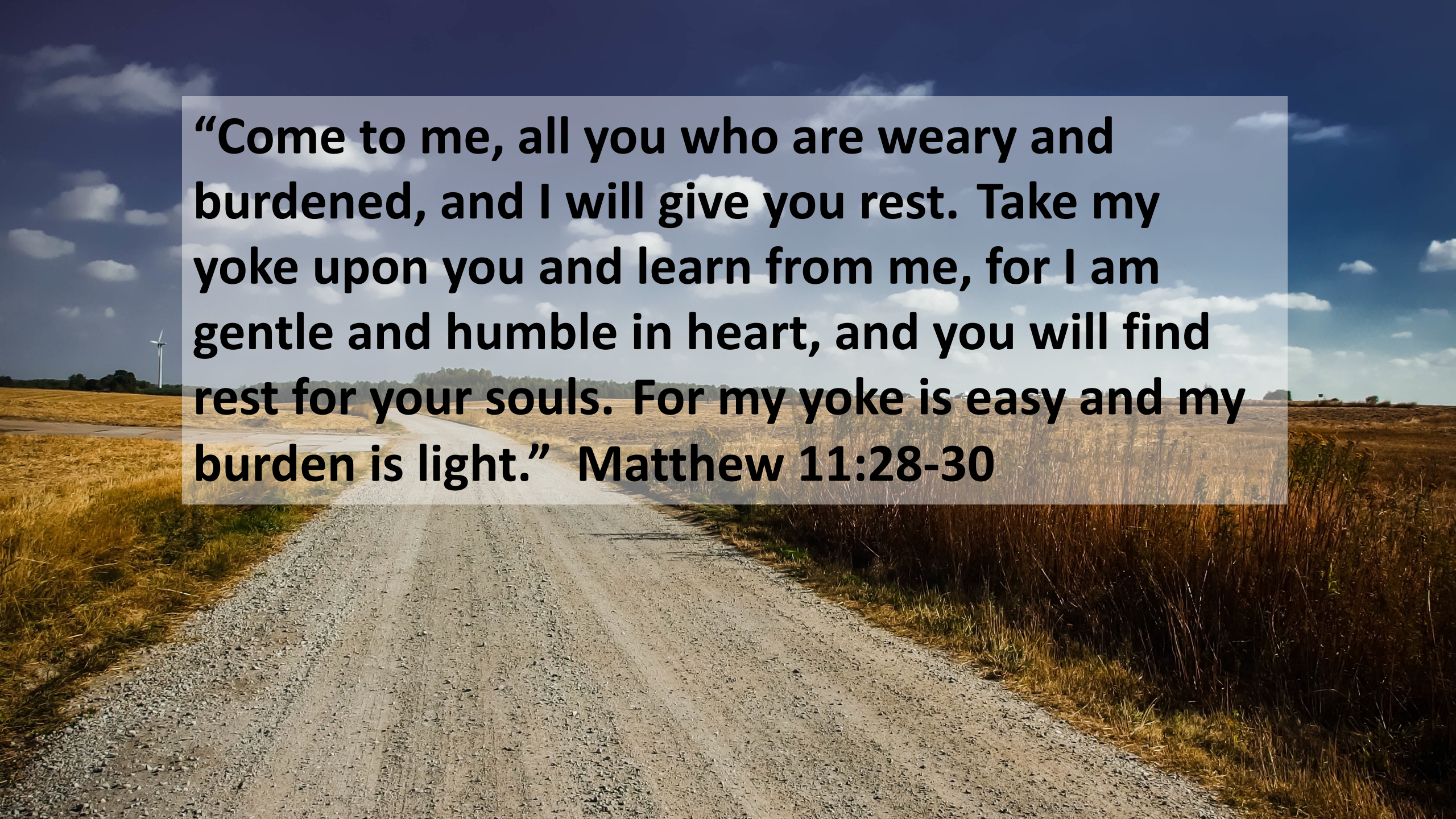


FOLLOW JESUS TO REST

Matthew 11:28-30

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021



A gravel path leads from the foreground into a field of tall, dry grass. In the distance, a white wind turbine is visible on the left side of the horizon. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent grey box with black text is centered over the upper half of the image.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 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 11:28-30

The Invitation: Come



A gravel road winds through a field of tall, dry grass under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the distance, a white wind turbine is visible on the left side of the horizon.

The qualification: ALL

>weary- exhausted from hard work

**>heavy burdened- carrying an
oppressive emotional load**

**Context: the religious system was
exhausting for all, unreachable for
most**



What is the offer? REST- is this physical?



**REST- for your soul- calm, peace,
serenity, safe place, not agitated**



A wide-angle photograph of a gravel road stretching from the foreground into the distance. The road is flanked by tall, dry grass and some brush. In the background, there's a line of trees and a small wind turbine on the left. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

REST- Old Testament Israel

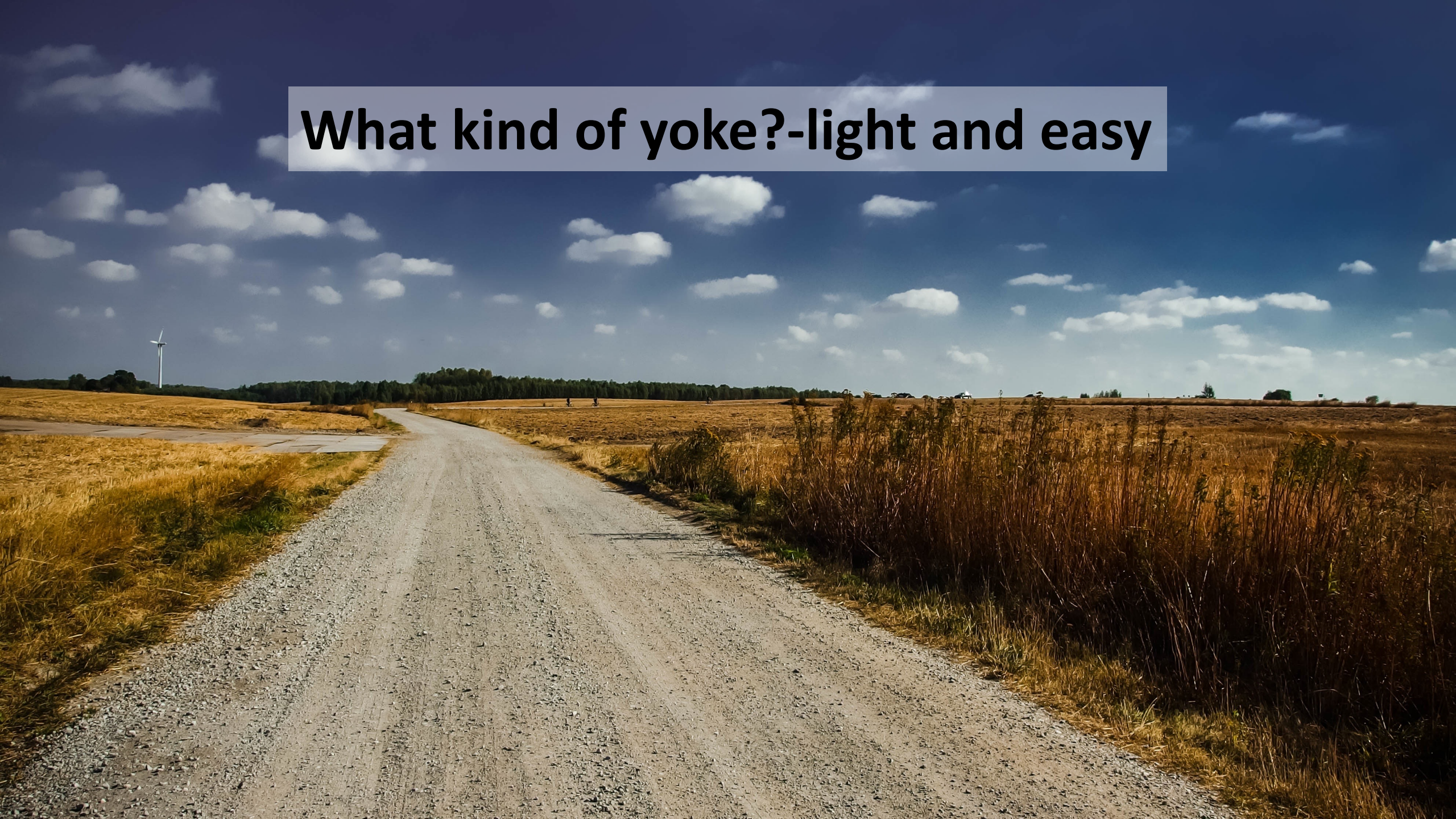
>Followers of Jesus

>the Future

What is a yoke?



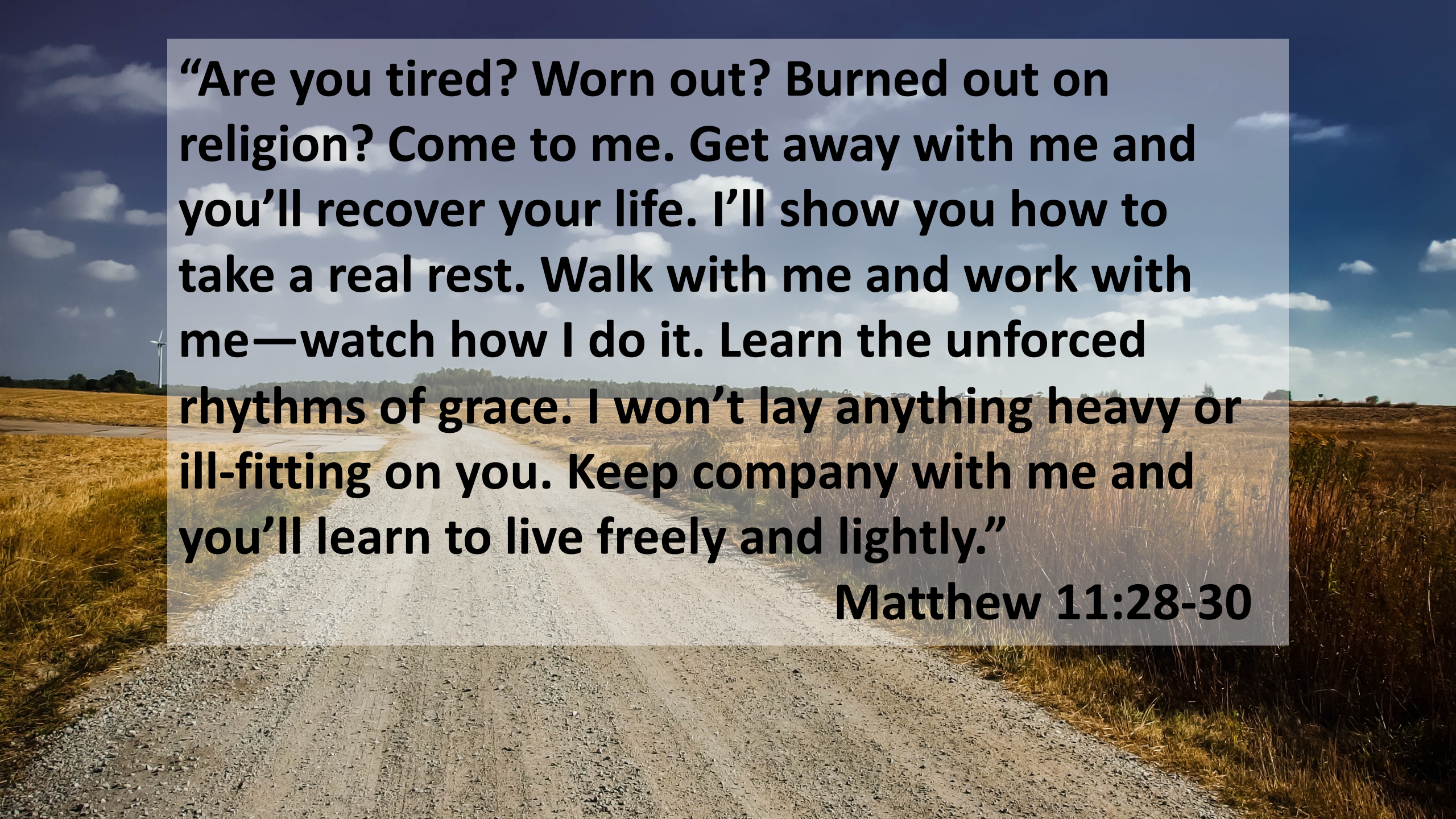
What kind of yoke?-light and easy



A gravel road stretches from the bottom center towards the horizon, flanked by golden-brown grass and tall reeds. In the distance, a line of trees and a few buildings are visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

**The invitation: come to Jesus and be yoked
to Jesus forever! Amazing!**

**Imagine your life, connected so closely to
Jesus' life and power and direction, forever.**

A gravel path leads from the bottom center towards the horizon, flanked by dry, golden-brown grass. In the distance, a line of trees and a small white wind turbine are visible against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent grey box containing text is centered over the image.

“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.”

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