"The Grace Pursuit (3-3): Rest in Grace – Worry-Free Living" (Matt 11:28-30; Mark 4:35-41; Psalm 46)

Are you Living a Worry-Free Life?

Jesus' Two-fold Grace Invitation to Rest (Matt 11:28-30)

Today: Knowledge and Faith, and the Role of Faith in Finding Rest in Jesus and Living a "Worry-free Life"

I. Illustrations of Faith, Knowledge and Rest

- A. Rest in the Storm (Mark 4:35-41): Disciples did not Know Jesus Enough to Believe what He said
- B. Rest in times of Trouble (Ps 46; 2 Kings 18-19): "Be Still, and Know that I am God"

Knowing who God is, there's no need to Agonize/Worry when one faces Trouble; he can Trust Him to meet his needs, and can have *Perfect Rest*

II. Faith, Knowledge and "Pursuing Grace, Pursuing Jesus"

- A. Faith and Knowing/Experiencing Jesus (1 Peter 1:23, 2:2-3)
- B. Growing Pursuing: Grace drives the Believer to...

Desire/Pursue *Greater Knowledge* of the Word \square Transforms into *Deeper Experiential Knowledge* of the Savior \square Strengthens *Faith*

C. "Worry-Free Life": A Changed Perspective of Life

Continue to *Pursue* God, His Kingdom, His Interest, because you *Know*: In God's Appointed Time, "God will help her at break of day". That's *Rest*!

Reflection: Yoking involves a Journey, and Learning/Discipleship is a Process...

- Be Patient
- Earnestness in *Pursuing Jesus and Grace* Shapes your *Experiential Knowledge* of Christ; and *Experience* with Christ Builds up your Faith

"Be Still, Cease Striving; and Know that God is God": Through Worry-Free Living, Exalt/Glorify God by Enjoying Him Forever!

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