



Heartbeats along the way: The Humble Heart

"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." Matthew 11:29

The Easter celebration is over until next year. The Easter baskets (are there still such things?) are either put away or embarrassing in lingering around. All the candy and chocolate crosses are eaten. What's left for us to do in the remaining weeks until Pentecost, the birthday of the Church?

I challenge you to use this time to complete our Lenten introspection and self-examination. If you ask the question, "What does Easter mean?" most answers will be about Jesus' victory over sin and death for us, the children of God. I completely agree, but I also am driven to ask what this means to me.

I believe the answer is Jesus' invitation to His followers to take up His yoke and learn the gentleness and humility of Christ Himself. The idea of a yoke sounds like drudgery and hard labor. But, remember who is our Partner. It's the Lord Jesus, and because of that, any burden is light for He bears the burden with us.

What can we do after Easter? We can start servant-living by being yoked to Christ and learning from Him, as those first Apostles and Disciples did between Easter evening and the day of Pentecost.

As we journey to the Spring Garden Campus, let's put on the yoke of Christ's service, and may we more diligently understand and embrace our new tasks. Remember, it's not just a building we're building. We must renew ourselves as a church family dedicated to Jesus and ready to "Follow God and Build Community."

"Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigns! Fit us with our yokes. Open our souls and let us use these days till Pentecost to learn Your way of service. Grow us into a humble and faithful family worthy of the gift You are giving us in the Spring Garden Campus. Amen."

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