

The Message for July 3, 2011
(Video Message)
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
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Good morning. I am so honored that we have this technology so that I can share this Video message with you this morning. We are truly blessed in so many ways. I'm sure some of you might be uncomfortable with this approach... I appreciate your struggles. I hope you can in some way enjoy this message and be open to what God is saying to you here this morning. I am convinced that God is doing a new thing here at Friedens.

Our reading this morning is from Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (*Read the Text*).

I've come to realize that many of us have done things we are ashamed of. Some are small and insignificant things others are big and devastating things. We all make mistakes. We often misunderstand one another and others often misunderstand us. Mistakes happen! Misunderstandings happen! But they ought not control our lives.

I don't know about you but I've made mistakes that I don't want anyone to know about. Perhaps you do too. I'm sure that we all have personal junk that we keep to ourselves. We work hard to keep our junk hidden so we never have to deal with it. But it's there. And we carry those burdens around with us. They become like gathering storm clouds and our days aren't as bright or cheerful or fulfilling as they could be.

I love how Jesus invites us to come to him and he will give us rest for our troubled spirits. He invites us to yoke our lives to his - to tie our lives to his - to live with him and for him.

No matter what other people think of us... not matter what we think of ourselves. Jesus wants to be yoked with us. Jesus wants to join us in living life every day so that we might experience the love of God in our lives. God's love changes everything. I'm convinced of that.

Pastor Robb Bell produced a teaching video that focuses on this topic of God's love. Robb Bell says it so much better than I could. Check out his video called "Lump." Enjoy it I sure did. I'll be back with you in person in a couple of weeks. God's peace and love be yours this day and always.