

**Resting in Jesus**

**Hebrews 4:1-10**

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This week while I was in prayer, I was reminded of a popular bumper sticker and license plate in the 90's or early 2000's that use to say "Jesus is my Co-Pilot", you don't see this license plate or bumper sticker much often nowadays, I don't know if people became more wiser or became more theologically sound but it's rare that you see this slogan anymore. However, even when I was a babe in Christ that slogan use to make me cringe when I saw it, it always made me wonder, it always made me think and I didn't know why but today I sit back and think that the most popular slogan "Jesus is my co-pilot" that might be what's wrong with the world today. The mindset behind the idea that "Jesus is my co-pilot", when I read into that slogan, when I

analyze that slogan, when I dissect that slogan, to me it's saying that "I'm in the drivers seat, I am in control, Me and Jesus is eye to eye, me and Jesus we are the same, it's saying that I do what I want, when I want, and where I want and Jesus is just my co-pilot", it's I I I I I and that Jesus is on the side and that's how the world is operating right now. People act like it's all about me while Jesus is to the side. People are doing their own thing without consulting God, people are moving without consulting God, people are making decisions without praying first, people are doing things in the flesh and stamping God's name on it, people have put themselves in the seat that Jesus is supposed to be in and is wondering how did I get into this bad position, how did I end up where I am right now, how did I get in this messed up situation that I'm in. We end up into situations that are totally outside of God's will because we have the mindset

that Jesus is my co-pilot and we wonder why the enemy is wearing down the saints, we wonder why the enemy is wreaking havoc in the lives of the children of God and the enemy is having his way with God's children because we have made God our Co-pilot and not the King of our lives, we have made God the Co-pilot, not the author and finisher of our faith, we have made God the Co-pilot not the alpha and the omega the beginning and the end, it's a dangerous place to be in when mankind is trying to play the role of God when it is not our responsibility to try to play the role of God it's our responsibility to submit to God, it's our responsibility to submit to God's will (Amen) It's dangerous to be in the drivers seat of your life when God is called to be the driver, it's a dangerous place to be in knowing that God is in control but you try to be in control of everything. Jesus is not our Co-pilot, Jesus is the pilot of our

lives, Jesus is the driver of the plane, Jesus is the fuel of this engine and where Jesus go I will go, I will go where Jesus leads, I will follow where Jesus says follow because Jesus is my pilot he's not my co-pilot..... If you want things to change in your life put Jesus back in his rightful position, if you are trying to get out of a complex situation put Jesus back in his rightful position, if you are trying to fix some stuff that keeps giving you a hard time, put Jesus back into his rightful position, if you are tired of dealing with addictions, tired of barely making it, tired of going through it put Jesus back in his rightful position as the head and cornerstone of your life. (Amen)

People are walking around heavy because they are out of position, people has grown weary in their faith because they are out of position, people has grown tired with church, tired of things as normal because they are out of position, people can't

get any rest at night because they are out of position and when I say people are out of position I mean people are carrying things that Jesus can only carry, people are fighting against things that only Jesus can conquer, people are holding on to things that Jesus is asking them to let go of and the Saints of God is tired. People are tired of seeing people fighting over politics, people are tired of seeing people debate over guns, and abortion when God has already told us to choose life, people are tired of seeing and hearing about how divided this nation is, people are tired of being in situation after situation where it seems like there no way out but Jesus warned us in **John 16:33 that “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”**

In this world you will have hardships, in this world you will have

disappointments, in this world you will go through some things but be of God cheer because Jesus is our true pilot. Our true pilot is an overcomer and not only is he an overcomer but in him there is peace, in him there is comfort, in him there is tranquility but in him there is rest. God wants us to enter into his rest, God want us to dwell in his rest, God wants us to reside in his rest, we have to put God back into his rightful position in our lives so that we can rest in Jesus name. I'm often times reminded of how my son after he has ran around, after he has gotten himself tired, after he has gotten to a point where he just can't go anymore; he just comes and sit under my arms while I'm watching TV and under my arms is where he finds rest, he realizes that under his father's arms there's comfort, under his father's arms there's protection, under his father's arms is a place where he is safe from what's going on in the

world and all around him but most importantly under his father's arms he finds complete stillness and it's the same with God there is a place for rest for the children of God. You have been working too hard, God wants you to enter into his rest, you have been stressed out too long God wants to give you to enter into his rest, you have been tossing and turning at night for too long, God wants to give you rest. I know that you are tired of being filled with anxiety and filled with depression, God wants you to rest in Jesus name (Amen)

**Historical Context:** As we take a look at this text in the academy there's great debate of the authorship of this passage but what is understood about this text is that the author is making a reference concerning the children of Israel. God made a promise to the Children of Israel that there is a promise land and in this promise land there is rest, a rest from all of your

labor, a rest from all of your pain, a rest from all of your hardships and disappointments, and in this promise land everything that you have ever thought of or even imagined would be in this place of promise but they wandered for 40 years, they heard the word of God, they heard the promises of God, they knew that God had a life that was better for them but they didn't believe God, they didn't trust in God and they couldn't see what God was doing in their lives in the moment and it caused them to miss what God had for their future. Don't miss what God is doing in your life right now and allow it to cause you to miss what God is going to do in your future. Don't allow what you see going on in the world right now to cause you to become so uneasy and not at peace where you miss what God is going to do in your life in the future. Don't allow what people say or do to hurt you cause you to miss what God



is doing in your life right now that you miss what God is going to do in the future. Don't start complaining about this and complaining about that and it cause you to miss what God is doing in your life right now and cause you to miss your future. I know you got problems, I know life isn't easy, I know at times that the road can get rough but don't allow what you are going through cause you to miss the blessing in the now, because if you miss what God is doing right now it can cause you to miss what God has in the future. As the Children of Israel made the promises of God null and void because of their disbelief and they failed to trust God. You ever wonder how two different people can come to church, sit under the same word, get the same teaching, get the same prayers and you will see some people begin to break out, you will see some begin to get miracles, see breakthroughs, you will see them getting blessed

tremendously but then you see someone who comes to church all of the time, they stay in the same situation, nothing ever change in their life, they go through the same thing year after year it's because one group received the word mixed with faith and the other received the word with head knowledge. The children of Israel didn't make it to the promise land, they went through the same thing over and over, they fell short of the promise because their hearts was filled with so much doubt and unbelief that it cost them the promise. Their hearts was filled with so much unbelief that it cause them to wander. **(To wander means that it seems like you are moving forward but you aren't really going anywhere, to wander means that it looks like you are making progress but you really haven't accomplished anything at all, to wander means that you are alive, you are aging year after year but you still find yourself**

**stuck and wandering leaves you in a place of uneasiness, wandering leaves you in a place of frustration, wandering leaves you in a place where you will become angry because you know that God has promised you a better life than you see but all you seem to be doing is wandering and that alone causes you to not have any rest, because of unbelief.)** Unbelief will rob you of your dream life, unbelief will rob you of your deliverance, unbelief will rob you of your best life, and unbelief will rob you of rest.

**Verse 2 says “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.** Hearing the word of God is not good enough, you got to mix it with your faith, going to convocation year after year is not going to help you got to mix it with your faith, going to conference after

conference, revival after revival is not going to help you if you don't mix the word that you are hearing and add it to your faith, and receive it by faith by not just being a hearer of the word but being a doer of the word but you got to mix it with your faith.

**1) Enter into GOD's Rest**-In this passage we not only realize that rest is a promise from God but rest also belongs to God and in order to get something from God it will require you getting close to God. When we are in a place of rest it should also be a place of peace but that's not always the case. There's a difference in what the world calls rest and what God calls rest, there's a difference in what the world calls peace vs. what God calls peace. But this kind of rest that this text talks about only comes from God, just like the peace that Jesus talks about can only be found in him.

You be off of work on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and still be restless if you don't have no peace, you can go to sleep for 8 hours and wake up and still be restless if you have a troubled conscious and have a troubled mind, you can sit in the house all day and still be filled with anxiety and still be stressed out if your heart is not right with God. This rest that's in this text means a peace with God and a peace in your heart, mind and soul. In a worldly view rest and peace comes from how much you drink, how much money you can make, how many boyfriends, or girlfriends or material things that a person can get. The world thinks that they will have peace and get rest according to material things only to find out that they will get them some money, they will get them some material things, get them a new job and soul still feels restless and still feel

broke, (There was a popular hip-hop song that says sometimes I got money but I still feel broke) we would work so hard for things only to still be restless when we get it and not be able to enjoy them because there's no peace; when in this passage there's an invitation to enter into his rest, there's an invitation to enter into his presence, there's an invitation to get closer to God so that your soul can have some rest. Entering into this rest will require you to do what **Phillipians 4:6 says that "Instead, in every situation with prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God. And the peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds.** Rest comes from being to surrendered to God, rest comes from spending time with God, rest comes from consuming yourself with God's

presence. There's a rest that's available for God's children but we must realize that this Jesus kind of rest can't be found through the world it can only be found in Jesus. I know that you are tired and weary, I know that you want to throw the towel in but enter into his rest, enter into his love, enter into this place where you can see, sense and feel God's presence again.

**2) Faith & Trust is the Keys to Rest-**To enter into this Jesus type of rest it's going to require having faith in what God has said and trusting that God got your back. Faith is the key to having rest and true faith is when you know what you know and believe what you believe. Faith is the key to unlock the blessings, faith is the key that brings about healing, faith is the key that brings restoration, faith is the key that brings families back together, faith is the key that

unlocks unlimited possibilities, faith is the key that gives you a sound mind but in order to rest it takes the assurance of knowing that whatever God has said it shall come to pass. You can rest when you know that God got your back, you can rest when you know that God is going to work it out, you can rest when you know that God will make a way, you can rest when you know that deep down in your heart that everything is going to be ok because that lies in your faith in God. Faith in God can do what seems humanly impossible, faith in God can do what the doctors can't do, faith in God can do what politicians can't do, faith in God can do what the judge can't do, and faith is the key that gives me rest. When you lie down at night your sleep can be peaceful because of faith, when you are going through tough times you can rest in the storm



because of faith, when you are in your lowest valley you can still have rest because of faith. Faith is the master key that gives you access to what the master has and that comes by faith. Faith is not moved by situations, faith is not moved by circumstances, faith is not moved by bad reports because I can rest in knowing that if God has done it before, then God can do it again because faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen and when you know that you know that God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore that's enough for me to rest in his presence, to rest in his will, to rest in his way, to rest in his guidance, you can rest knowing that everything is going to be alright. You can rest in knowing that everything is going to be ok, you can rest in knowing that God is a man that he can not lie and neither a man

that he shall repent. You can rest in knowing that his word shall not return until him void, it's rest in knowing that God is going to come through for you and provide your every need. It's his rest. Rest in his holy spirit, rest in his presence, enter into his rest, enter into his will.

3) **Jesus take the wheel-** Just like there's a saying that says "Jesus is my Co-pilot" but there's another saying that I like more than that one and that's "Jesus take the wheel" some of us need to tell Jesus to take the wheel of our lives, Lord take over for me, "Jesus take the wheel", Lord have your way in our lives because when you say "Jesus take the wheel" it's you surrendering your will and putting your life back into God's will, when you say "Jesus take the Wheel" you are now putting Jesus back into his rightful position because until you put Jesus back into his rightful

position, until you put Jesus in the driver's seat of your life, until you put Jesus as the head of your life you will continue to not have peace. Alcohol can't give you peace, cigarettes can't give you peace, getting a bigger house or a better care can't give you peace, making more money can't give you peace, the peace that your soul yearns for and desires can only be found in Jesus, "Jesus take the wheel", I was that person that could never find rest in the world, I was that person who sought to please others, I was that person who lived to labor in vain for worldly desires until I said "Jesus take the wheel" and when Jesus took the wheel, my soul found the rest that it was longing for, my soul found rest in Jesus arms, you got to get to a point where you tell Jesus, I'm tired of driving "Jesus take the wheel" so I can rest, and when you take the wheel, I

will trust you. When you take the wheel I will totally rely on you. Jesus I need you to get in the driver's seat of my life. "Jesus take the wheel", Whatever you do make sure that Jesus is in the driver's seat of your life, make sure that God is in his rightful position. "Jesus take the wheel". It wasn't until the Israelites allowed God to totally take the wheel that finally made it into the promise land of rest but it wasn't under the leadership of Moses it was the next generation that made it with Joshua. And Jesus in Hebrew means Yeshua in which in English can be translated as Joshua, but Jesus is greater than Joshua. A whole generation had to die and not make it, a faithless, doubtful people didn't make it because they didn't allow God to be God and they perished but today you have a chance to allow God to be God by putting Jesus in his rightful

position or your life by being in the driver's seat. Jesus take  
the wheel.