

# Promises Made, Promises Kept

SCENE 7

## Restoration:

*The Redemption, Re-creation & Refreshment of the Incarnation*

Matthew 11:28-30

### Introduction:

*We live in a Gnostic & Disillusioned Age...*

*I have a Medieval & Reformational Heart...*

God Far Off: *The Mystery of God & the Distraction of Everyday Life*  
*vs.*

God Come Near: *The Grace of God & Incarnation in Everyday Life*

### I. Believe.

The Incarnation is Real.

*He Became a man.*

*He Stayed a man.*

*He Started everything over...*

The Incarnation is Redeeming. [Sin & Death are Ruined]

*He Crushed the Enemy.*

*He Carried our sin.*

*He Cried our tears.*

*He Created us new.*

*He Cares for our souls.*

The Incarnation is Re-Creational. [Life is Restored]

*He Endured life's limitations.*

*He Examined life's analogies.*

*He Enjoyed life's pleasures.*

*He Engaged life's tasks.*

*He Embraced life's companions.*

The Incarnation is Refreshing. [Rest is Recovered]

*He Labored under the law.*

*He Liberated us.*

*He Lightens our load.*

## II. Breathe.

What I observe:

*Christians live "on hold."*  
*Christians live schizophrenically.*  
*Christians live formulaically & fearfully.*  
*Christians live nervously.*

What I want to say:

*Breathe.*  
*Smile.*  
*Enjoy.*  
*Live.*  
*Rest.*

This is the Gospel.

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### **Hebrews 4:14-16**

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.