

"The Other Person"

Matthew 11: 29-30

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This, as you know, is Pastor Ed. He is SUCH a hard worker! I mean, he works like a HORSE! Not only does he write good sermons, he attends a lot of meetings every week. Meetings like Finance Committee with committed volunteers like Mr. Mawakasunga who sometimes can be a bit grumpy. Sometimes on Saturdays Pr. Ed leads a group of members on a grand gallop to Lancaster to visit with horses there who work on Amish Farms. He leads Bible Studies and then, at the end of exhausting days, he goes home to be a good husband and father to his family! Pastor Ed does all this with amazing LOVE and GRACE!

Gator, as you know, is in 6th grade. Gator's life sure has changed a lot since he no longer lives at Downattheriver! Not to say that he never longs for a good snack of slow roasted, lightly salted giraffe legs. In fact, when he is sure no one is looking, he still likes to quickly jump and catch flies! He is pretty good at it too, but Uncle Floyd discourages this. As wonderful as being a part of Uncle Floyd and Barabas's life, there are days when Gator just feels so . . . different from them, I mean, the short legs, the tail, the sharp pointy things all over his skin, but there is this . . . FORCE in his life that knows he is in a good place now.

Here is Elizabeth and her two younger siblings, the twins Ella and Edward. Elizabeth is only in 2nd grade, but she is a GREAT older sister. There are so many things she does to help her mommy and Aunt Gertrude with the twins. If any of YOU have younger brothers or sisters, you know there is a lot of work to do. I mean, the toys EVERYWHERE to pick up, the help with the potty bucket, finding their shoes at the last minute before everyone leaves the house, and comforting them when they cry. Elizabeth is a GENTLE AND KIND big sister, sometimes even when she does not feel like it, because she knows it is THE RIGHT WAY TO BE.

This is a picture of a yoke on the cover of the bulletin. A yoke like this is meant for TWO to wear, like two horses or two oxen. And the idea is that when TWO PEOPLE, or HORSES or GIRAFFES wear this

yoke, it makes the work go easier.

So, when Pr. Ed or Gator or Elizabeth and even you and me are working hard and doing their very best we can, who is the other person in that yoke with us?

Of course, it is JESUS! Today's Bible lesson tells us that Jesus says to "take up my yoke and learn from me. For my Yoke is easy, and my Burden is light."

It is Jesus who shares the yoke with us when we do our best hard work!

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