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“**For My yoke** (or, to bind, something used to couple two things together) **is easy** (or, to furnish what is needed, fit for any use, virtuous, good, pleasant) **and My burden** (or, load, the freight of a ship) **is light** (or, not heavy, easy to bear).”

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And what are you doing now to keep it all up?

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We abide.

Abide

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To remain, to rest, to dwell, to live.

Also means to spend time with, to continue steadfast, to persevere, to tarry, to remain in or with someone, to remain united with someone, being of one heart, one mind, and one will. It defines something that remains where it is, continues in a fixed state, or endures.

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John 15:4

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He who says he abides in Him ought himself also  
to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:6

# Abide

Abide by Surrender.

