

Saturday Evening, June 18 - Michael McWhorter
“COME TO ME”

In Matthew's gospel we find these transcending words: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* Dan Forrest put this scripture to music in a way that the anyone within the hearing of the anthem, *Come To Me*, will be struck with one word: *Come!* Even when we think of how much God loves us, we cannot escape the most basic part of that gospel which is coming to Christ with all the baggage, all the raw human emotions, and all of the strength that we think we can give. Even in our pride, which God proclaims He hates all through the Bible, our wonderful Savior takes who we are and works throughout our lives to transform us into His servants. When we sing the moving introduction of this anthem, we sing with the understanding that the Holy Spirit is as gentle as these musical phrases. There is one question, though. What is it that we hold back? We may know that Christ accepts us no matter what, but He also sees our motives and desires. He knows what we are holding back. We probably don't think of holding back much of anything from God so ask Him honestly with your whole heart. He will tell you. Keep asking until he reveals what you need to give completely to Him. Giving this up provides true rest for our souls. Write a few notes to yourself about your honesty with God as you meditate on Matthew 11:28-30.