



"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am _____ and _____ in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matt 11:28-29)

We have just a few "I am" statements of Jesus in the gospels (John 6:35; 8:12, 58; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1), and nearly all of them are comparisons. When Jesus actually described his heart? He did so in terms of gentle lowliness. But those weren't just words.

- Matt 1:1 - the son of _____
- 2:6 - a ruler who will shepherd
- 2:23 - lived in _____
- 4:16 - a great light has dawned
- 4:19 - to fishermen: "_____ me"
- 4:23 - the gospel of the kingdom
- 8:3 - to a _____: "I will, be clean"
- 8:7 - to a centurion: "I will heal him"
- 8:17 - "He _____ our diseases"
- 9:2 - "Take heart, my son"
- 9:13 - "I came to call _____"
- 9:22 - "Take heart, daughter"
- 9:27 - two blind men: "Have _____"
- 9:36 - compassion for the crowds
- 11:4 - "Go and _____ John..."

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be _____ his teacher, and the servant like his master." (10:24-25)

If any words ought to describe a disciple in the Fall of faith? Gentle lowliness.

Does all of this mean that Jesus had a passive, cowardly, live-and-let-live, nothing-really-matters attitude? Not at all (10:34-39; 11:20-24). He continues to call everyone to turn, come to him, take up his yoke, and learn from him (2 Cor 10:1; Eph 4:1-2).