

**Break the Yoke**  
**Part One**  
**Newport News Campus**  
**03/16/19**

**Opening**

-VUP Worship Night...

-new order of service

-NRBC Update

- Meeting last Wednesday
- Preaching tomorrow
- Vote 3/20

-pray

-new series launch...there's a reason you'll never see a yoke on a Musk Ox!

**Introduction**

-participation: struggles in people's lives that keep them from deeper devotion to Jesus?

**-Luke 4:18...we certainly believe this!**

**-Acts 10:38**

-Isaiah 10:27 KJV (ref)

- **"shamen"** is the actual word in Hebrew
- **"shemen"** is the word that is its "cousin" and means oil
- KJV mistakenly equated this to the concept of anointing
- "shamen" actually means to be fat!
- Turns out I have a Biblical body!!!!
- (talk a little about the Biblical concept of anointing)

-Isaiah 10:27 KJV

-Isaiah 10:27 NASB (preach...musk ox slides reference)

*-How much time have we spent in our lives regarding certain struggles pleading with God to deliver us when His response to us all along has been, grow out of it!*

-Psalm 27:13...I believe this!!

-Deuteronomy 29:29

*...and I believe there will never be the fullness of Psalm 27:13 realized in our lives until we embrace Deuteronomy 29:29 and become Isaiah 10:27!!!!*

## Stewardship and Generosity

-Bible stats...

- 16 of the 38 parables of Christ deal with money!
- 1 out of every 12 verses in the NT address money!
- According to Christianity Today, the Bible has 500 vss on prayer, less than 500 vss on faith, over 2,000 on money and possessions!!

-1 Timothy 6:10

*What happens when we begin to view 1 Timothy 6:10 through the lens of Isaiah 10:27? What areas of struggle in your life, yokes, are persisting because your spiritual life continues to atrophy in the Pathways of Stewardship and Generosity?*

-12 Pathways... (my healthy fatty food groups)

-**Stewardship** (read Praxis definition)

-**Generosity** (read Praxis definition)

-(tell story of installing new pull down **attic**...250 lbs. weight limit)

-I want God to need to use the freight elevator when it comes time for me to go to Heaven!!!!!!

## Balaam

-Numbers 22:4-13

- A bartering culture (talk about missions trips)
- They send a second delegation (important people and money)
- God in a dream says go with them

-Numbers 22:21-35

- He is a Mesopotamian priest...
- A “baru” prophet, specializes in animal divination...

*The irony is that Balaam is supposed to discern the will of God through the pagan practice of observing the behaviors of animals yet here in the story the animal is more spiritually sensitive than the prophet!*

- Reminds us the supernatural realm is real...be warned!
- God is angry because Balaam thinks he is now bartering with God!!!
- God never negotiates truth or principles that lead to compromise.

-Joshua 13:15, 22 (ref.)

## Band

-I share this story with you tonight because some of you are bartering with God when comes to Stewardship and Generosity...

**-Grace does not displace the consequential nature of obedience!**

-And one of the consequences of disobedience is that we stop growing spiritually and we never find the strength to break the things that keep holding us back!

## Close

-Isaiah 10:27