

**Title:** Lighten the Load  
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### **Ephesians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

## Satisfying work

### **John 4:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup>But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." <sup>33</sup>Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

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### **Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup>Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

## 1. Our own strength

### **Zechariah 4:6**

<sup>6</sup>So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."

## 2. Lose sight of the goal

### **1 Corinthians 9:24-25**

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

## 3. We seek the wrong reward

### **Luke 17:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup>But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. <sup>10</sup>So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'

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### Isaiah 40:28-31

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, <sup>31</sup>But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### Psalms 27:14

<sup>14</sup>Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!