

## Singing in the Airport

### Scripture Reading — Matthew 11:25-30

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28*

As I was boarding a plane and going through customs before connecting to my next flight, I noticed the faces of so many people focusing on getting through the next line. Many wore frowns, and some were so intent on texts and tweets that all they did was take a few steps, drag their suitcase, stop, and send another message.

Then I noticed something chang-ing. I could hear singing, and I saw faces begin to smile. Far ahead I saw that the baggage handler was thoroughly enjoying his day. He was singing to each traveler as they handed over their suitcases. He was ad-libbing words to familiar songs so that they connected with each person in front of him. Immediately smiles would break out, and cheerful conversations followed. He sang back his responses with a grin.

Somehow, as I watched and stepped closer to the singer, I realized I was curious what the song for me might be when I reached that part of the line.

Then it struck me that the way this man was engaging with people reminded me of Jesus. As Jesus encounters people who walk by with their baggage of life, he sings them a new song. He sings songs of hope, friendship, grace, and whatever else is needed to brighten their day and circumstances.

With every new day, we have the opportunity to let Jesus take our cares and sing to us.

### Prayer

*Jesus, thank you for offering to carry my burdens. Please take them today and refresh my soul. Thank you for rest. Thank you for joy and peace of heart. In your name, Amen.*

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