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SERMON TITLE	TAKE THE YOKE
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KEY SCRIPTURE	Matthew 11:28-30
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SYNOPSIS	Jesus offers rest to the weary, then hands them a yoke.
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HIGHLIGHTS	
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BIG IDEA

God doesn't just use you in the work. He shapes you in it.

Notes:

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE READY

Preparation is part of the yoke. You don't get ready and then come to him. You come to him, and he gets you ready.

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones." (Luke 16:10)

Notes:

SERVE WITH HIM, NOT JUST FOR HIM

Jesus isn't handing you a job to do alone. He's inviting you to walk beside him.

"Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart"

Notes:

LET THE WORK SHAPE YOU

God shapes us through the work and through the people we serve beside — even the bad examples (3 John 9–11). When we sign up to serve, we're signing up for a class taught by Jesus.

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had." (Philippians 2:5)

Notes:



LET HIM CARRY THE WEIGHT

His yoke is light because the heaviest load has already been carried. We don't serve to earn his love or pay him back.

"He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross." (1 Peter 2:24)

Notes:

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Where are you right now: serving and tired, watching from the bleachers, or waiting until you feel "ready"?

Who has shaped you by serving beside you? Who might be watching you serve right now?

Prayer: "Lord, what do you want to create in me?"

Notes:
