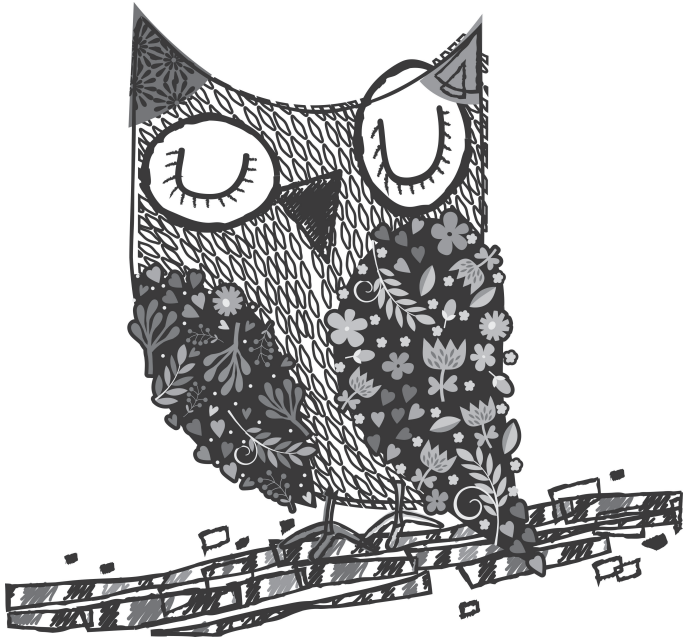




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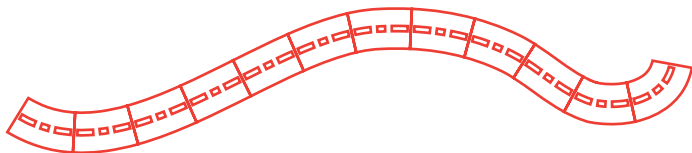




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inspired by
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Who was Charles Spurgeon?

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was a Baptist preacher. He was born in the United Kingdom in 1834 and by the time of his death in 1892 he was known as the "Prince of Preachers". Spurgeon was pastor of the congregation of the New Park Street Chapel and then of the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London for thirty-eight years. As well as preaching many sermons he also wrote a great many books, and hymns. Many Christians, even today, love the daily devotional book he wrote: *The Chequebook of the Bank of Faith*. This book has been based on the topics and Scriptures he used. In a culture where few use a chequebook this publication needed more than a simple rewrite. However, these little devotions have been inspired by what Spurgeon wrote. Hopefully this reimagining of some of his devotions will help a new generation to appreciate his teaching but, most importantly, the Word of God. When you see some words in the text written in red these are taken almost directly from Spurgeon's own writings. The rest are either explaining or representing what he wrote.

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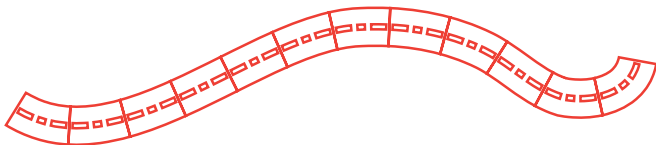
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1. Gifts and Burdens

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Bible Verse: Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest
(Matthew 11:28).

Some things cost money.
Some things don't.

When you are given a gift it is free. It doesn't cost you anything. Your auntie doesn't wrap up your birthday gift, hand it over and then tell you to open your piggy bank. Gifts should be given with love and given freely. **Nothing is freer than a gift.**

God loves to give good gifts. Read the Bible verse Matthew 11:28 to find out one of the wonderful gifts God gives to those who trust in him.





When something is a gift – you don't buy it.
When something is a gift – you don't borrow it.
When something is a gift – you accept it, gladly.

Today's Bible verse tells us about how God gives his people rest. There are lots of things in life that make us feel tired. When the Bible says that we labour and are heavy laden – it's sin and its side effects that make us feel that way. Heavy laden is a horrible way to feel – it's like feeling tired, sad, disappointed, worried, all at the same time. When we feel like that it's because of sin.

Sin is when we want what we can't or shouldn't have. It's when we say or do things that are against God's law. It's when we think about things that are wrong and not right. When we worry about today or tomorrow that is sinful too. We should trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are worried about your sin come to Jesus and ask him to take away your sin – that is what he will do. He has promised and he always keeps his promises.

You must come to Jesus. It is important!
Trust him to take care of everything.





When you come to him, the rest that he will give you will be the deepest, safest and most perfect rest ever. It will never end.

This rest will be a rest for today and for tomorrow and all your tomorrows. It will be a rest for your happiest days and your saddest. And then one day you will have a forever rest and this has a special name – Heaven.

God the Promise-keeper gives this rest to all who come to him, trusting in him for forgiveness of their sin.



What you should do: Come to Jesus, trust in him. Ask him to take away your sin.

Prayer: Thank you God, my Heavenly Father, that I can come to you for forgiveness of my sin. You have never broken a promise and never will. You never turn anyone away who seeks mercy from you. Cleanse me from my sin and make me your very own child. Amen.

