Traveling Light: Releasing The Burdens You Were Never Intended To Bear

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Weary travelers. You’ve seen them -- everything they own crammed into their luggage. Staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, trunks, duffels, and backpacks. Backs ache. Feet burn. Eyelids droop. We’ve all seen people like that. At times, we are people like that -- if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual load. We all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We’re worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn’t it be nice to lose some of those bags? That’s the invitation of Max Lucado. With the Twenty-third Psalm as our guide, let’s release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear. Using these verses as a guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens. May God use this Psalm to remind you to release the burdens you were never meant to bear.

**Synopsis**

"Traveling Light" is a book about the divine love of God. In its pages, Max Lucado conveys God’s loving desire to be called in times of need. He also counsels us to offer God all of our burdens, the luggage of our wants, worries, hopelessness, guilt, arrogance, grave, grief, fears, loneliness, shame, disappointment, envy, doubt, homesickness, etc.In Traveling Light, Lucado provides magnificent insights of the Twenty-Third Psalm. He also gives a few lessons on livestock; for instance he says, "In ancient Israel shepherds used oil for three purposes: to repel insects, to prevent conflicts, and to heal wounds...Sheep get hurt. As a result, the shepherd regularly, often
daily, inspect the sheep, searching for cuts and abrasions... we have wounds, but ours are wounds of the heart that come from disappointment...and so just like sheep, we need to be treated...He will do for you what the shepherd does for the sheep. He will tend you... only God can heal..."(126-129). One may not finish this book prepare to raise sheep but one may definitely finish it ready to begin a Shepherd/sheep relationship with God. What more could we ask for? Lucado’s sense of humor makes his teachings easier to understand and fun to read. He also uses words in such a way that he helps one see things under a total new perspective; like when he explains that "God is the God who follows" (146). I think that the idea of having an almighty God, the God who created the stars, following us anywhere we go is absolute terrific. Who are we to deserve such a treatment? And while taking a journey in this world, who will help us create a relationship with God? The King of kings, our sweet Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep, explains Lucado. How about our luggage? Leave it at Calvary.

I’m in love with Max Lucado’s works. And, one should be! The way Lucado writes in every chapter, in every book somewhere everyone has experienced some trial in their life. Lucado is surely blessed by the spirit of God to write so many beautiful, inspirational books. Lucado covers about every situation you can imagine he’s amazing. The Lord Jesus is AMAZING! In this title, ‘Traveling Lightly’, Lucado looks at and uses as a guide the Twenty-Third Psalm. . .The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want . . . Each chapter takes each verse of the Psalm, step by step. Until you unload that heavy burden of luggage. The one you’ve been carrying around needlessly most all of your life. Because you are NOT ALONE! No matter where we are in our life. Or, what we’re doing in our lives. Even through the trials and turmoil the Lord is with us. That’s how much He loves us. Though we may experience discontent, weariness, worry, hopelessness, guilt, arrogance, trying to be perfect, fear, loneliness, shame, disappointment, envy, doubt, grief and even facing death and loss. Even the homesickness for Heaven. He is NOT far away. The Lord Jesus follows us and NEVER leaves us, nor forsakes us. We were NEVER intended to bear such burdens. Jesus did it for each and everyone of us. Jesus wrote the book on salvation. He stands at the door of our hearts. Waiting. To give you that free gift of His perfect Grace. In our journey of life we’re intended to enjoy it without carrying all the stuff around. Most of us step on the baggage carousel and load up. This book guides us step by step from each verse of the Twenty-Third Psalm. After we’re all done. We’ve dropped everything. Free to enjoy life like we should. With the help of the Savior who did it all.

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