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CHURCH & MINISTRY TRANSCRIPTION SAMPLE · SERMON

The Invitation That Holds

Grace Chapel, Kasarani · Sunday service · Matthew 11:28–30

PREPARED FOR
Grace Chapel
Media team · fictional

RECORD
Scripted illustration
Approx. five minutes of the sermon

SERVICE DATE
SUNDAY 25 OCT 2026
Main service · 10:00 local time

WHO ORDERS THIS

Pastors, church media teams, ministries and denominational offices who want sermons as readable text for newsletters, study guides, sermon series and archives.

FILES DELIVERED

PDF DOCX TXT

FORMATTING APPLIED

- Service details, speaker and scripture index
- Sermon points set as section headings
- Scripture readings marked in place
- Congregational responses kept, labelled separately

NOTATION KEY

[Scripture: ref]	A passage read aloud, with reference
CONGREGATION	Spoken responses from the whole room
VOICE IN THE CONGREGATION	One person calling out
[applause]	Applause
[laughter]	Audible laughter
[inaudible]	Cannot be heard; time given
[phonetic]	Spelling not confirmed

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SERVICE DETAILS

CHURCH	Grace Chapel, Kasarani, Nairobi (fictional)
SERVICE	Sunday main service
SERMON SERIES	Rest for the Weary · Part 1 of 3
SERMON TITLE	The invitation that holds
MAIN TEXT	Matthew 11:28–30
LANGUAGE	English
RECORD	Verbatim sermon with congregational responses; light edit for readability

SPEAKERS

PREACHER	**Pastor Daniel Mwangi** Senior Pastor	PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI
ROOM	**The congregation** Spoken responses by the whole room	CONGREGATION
ROOM	**Individual voices** One person calling out from the room	VOICE IN THE CONGREGATION

SERMON OUTLINE

PART	HEADING	MAIN IDEA
1	The invitation is for the tired	Jesus invites the weary, not the finished.
2	The yoke is shared	He walks beside us and sets the pace.
3	Closing	A practical step, prayer and announcements.

Sermon points are set as headings in the transcript so the text can be reused for study guides.

WELCOME & SCRIPTURE READING

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Good morning, church.

CONGREGATION: Good morning.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Please open your Bibles to Matthew chapter eleven, verses twenty-eight to thirty. *(pause)* Let me read it slowly, because it is a gentle passage and it deserves a gentle reading.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: `[Scripture: Matthew 11:28–30]` "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: This is the Word of the Lord.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God.

POINT ONE · THE INVITATION IS FOR THE TIRED

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: I want to ask you something this morning, and I want you to answer it quietly, in your own heart. What are you carrying? Not what you are showing us. What are you carrying?

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Some of you walked in today with a smile on your face and a bag on your back so heavy you could barely lift it. Bills. A diagnosis. A child who is not calling home. A decision you have been putting off since March.

VOICE IN THE CONGREGATION: `[inaudible 00:01:14]` Yes, Lord.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Yes. Hear me, now. Look at the shape of the invitation. Jesus does not say, come to me when your life is in order. He does not say, come when you have prayed enough, or fasted enough. He says, come to me, all of you who are weary. The invitation is for the tired.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: I said once to my wife that the church is the only hospital where people sometimes pretend they are not sick. `[laughter]` She did not laugh, by the way. She agreed.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: A woman came to see me last year, and she apologised before she even sat down. She said, Pastor, I know I should be stronger than this. I told her, sister, that sentence has never once appeared in the Gospels. Not once. What appears is, come to me. Come to me.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: But listen. The weary are not turned away at the door. The weary are the guests of honour.

CONGREGATION: [applause] Amen.

POINT TWO · THE YOKE IS SHARED

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Now, a yoke. Some of you grew up on farms, and you know what I am talking about. A yoke is a wooden beam that joins two animals so they pull the load together. Brother Kamau [phonetic] used to keep a pair of oxen in Nyeri, and he told me that you always put the young ox beside the strong one.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: So when Jesus says, take my yoke upon you, he is not handing you a second burden. He is saying, step in beside me. I will carry the weight. You walk at my pace.

VOICE IN THE CONGREGATION: Say it, Pastor!

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Learn from me, he says. Not, perform for me. Not, impress me. Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. Church, our God is not in a hurry, and he is not annoyed with you.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: And notice the promise at the end. You will find rest for your souls. Not rest for your schedule, though God knows we need that too. Rest for your soul. The part of you that no holiday can reach.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Here is the practical part, and then I will let you go. This week, I want you to name one thing you have been carrying alone. Write it down. Then, before you go to sleep each night, hand it over. Out loud, if you can. Say, Lord, this one is yours tonight.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Some of you will do it and feel nothing the first night. That is all right. A rest that has been missing for years does not return in an hour. But it returns. [crosstalk] He is faithful.

VOICE IN THE CONGREGATION: [crosstalk] He is faithful.

CLOSING PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Let us pray. Father, we thank you for an invitation that does not ask us to be strong. We bring you the tired, the anxious, the ones who smiled on the way in. Take the weight. Teach us your pace. In Jesus' name.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR DANIEL MWANGI: Before you leave, two announcements. The women's fellowship meets this Thursday at six in the evening, and the youth are cleaning the hall on Saturday morning. Bring a bucket and a friend. *(pause)* God bless you all. You are dismissed in peace.

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God.

END OF FICTIONAL SAMPLE TRANSCRIPT

The recording ended at the dismissal. The scripture index, sermon outline and announcements follow on the next page.

SCRIPTURE INDEX & NOTES

SCRIPTURE REFERENCED

REFERENCE	WHERE USED	FORM
Matthew 11:28–30	Reading, then Points 1 and 2	Read in full, then quoted in part

KEY LINES FOR QUOTING

- “The invitation is for the tired.”
- “The weary are the guests of honour.”
- “Our God is not in a hurry, and he is not annoyed with you.”
- “A rest that has been missing for years does not return in an hour. But it returns.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROUP	WHEN	DETAIL
Women’s fellowship	This Thursday, 6:00 p.m.	Meets as usual
Youth	Saturday morning	Cleaning the hall; bring a bucket and a friend

TRANSCRIBER NOTES

- One name could not be confirmed from the audio and is marked [phonetic] for the church to check.
- One call from the room is marked [inaudible] with its elapsed time.

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