Give it to Jesus

From Worry to Wonder: Part 3 – December 20, 2026 – Pastor Jason

Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT) *1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time, some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."*

Psalm 55:22 (NLT) *Give your burdens to the LORD, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.*

Worry <u>GROWS</u> when God feels far away.

1. **God came to <u>MEET</u> us where we are.**
   John 1:14a (NLT) *The Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.*

2. **God <u>UNDERSTANDS</u> what we're carrying.**
   Hebrews 2:18 (NLT) *Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested.*
   Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) *15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

3. **When we see Jesus, we're overwhelmed with <u>JOY</u>.**
   Matthew 2:10-11 (NLT) *10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

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1 Peter 5:7 (NLT) *Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*

4. **When we see Jesus, our journey <u>CHANGES</u>.**
   Matthew 2:12 (NLT) *When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.*
   Matthew 28:20 (NLT) *"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

RESPONSE: What am I carrying that Jesus never asked me to carry alone?

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed as you remember that Jesus came to meet you where you are.
- Be blessed as you remember that Jesus knows the burdens you've been carrying.
- Be blessed as you release your worries to Jesus, and as you allow Him to fill your heart with joy, knowing that He is ALWAYS with you.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.

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