Burden Bearers

Ken Chapman · Galatians 6:1–16

INTRODUCTION

- So this morning I'd like for us to talk about that word carry or bearing burdens.
- In this second quarter, we are emphasizing the responsibility of a family to love one another.
- At times that's going to look like me helping you carry something. At other times it's going to look more like me carrying that thing for you.

1 We Have Serious Obligations to One Another

Galatians 6:1; Galatians 6:6; Galatians 6:10

- One of the burdens we have to bear is the burden of sin.
- I need to get firmly in my mind that this is not just some casual gathering.
- I have the responsibility, if I'm a part of this family, to care enough about you that I will go to you when you're overtaken in a trespass.
- It's a heavy burden to bear to go to someone. And that's why he says we do that in the spirit of gentleness and meekness.
- We support those who help us and guide us and teach us spiritually.
- We're to do good to everybody, but especially I make no apologies that I put my family first.

2 We All Have Burdens

- Peter bore the burdens of the shame and frustration and anger at himself for betraying his Lord.
- I think about the apostle Paul and the burdens that he bore.
- But sometimes our Sunday best can hide the pain and the anguish and the burdens that we bear.
- Everybody in this building is bearing a burden.
- But we have a family. And a part of that family means that we're going to bear those burdens.

3 A Command That Demands We Get Involved

Galatians 6:2; Galatians 6:16

- This is a command that we bear one another's burdens.
- I cannot call myself honestly, correctly, genuinely call myself a Christian if I'm not a burden bearer.
- What it means truly means that we get involved in people's lives.
- This demands us being willing to listen, to care, to support, and to truly be compassionate.
- Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.
- But it also demands that we be willing to share and to confess.

4 This Is What Walking in the Spirit Looks Like

Galatians 6:1; Galatians 6:7–8

- And Paul in Galatians 6 would have us to know that this is what Christian living is all about.
- This is what it looks like to walk in the Spirit. That this is what the fruit of the Spirit really looks like.
- And so what does someone who bears the fruit of the spirit, who walks in the spirit, who is spiritual does? Helps his brother.
- He who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
- But He's going to ask us what we did do. Did you love?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you share your burdens? Will you confess your weaknesses and your sins, your troubles? And then will you be willing to listen to someone else's in gentleness and meekness and be willing to bear each other's burdens?**

MY NOTES