

Practicing the Christian Life: Friendships

Galatians 6:1-5

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Outline

"There is a friend who is closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24.

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends..." John 15:15

"Dear friends..." Philippians 4:1; 2 Corinthians 12:19; I Peter 2:11; I John 4:1 etc.

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. Galatians 6:1-5

I. Friendship.

Constancy

"Carry each other's burdens" (vs. 2)

"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."

Matthew 11:28-29

"for each one should carry their own load." (vs. 6)

Intimacy

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently..." (vs. 1)

"Restore" def. *"to take a dislocated bone and put it into place."*

"gently" - *"But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."* (vs. 1)

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II. The Power to Be a Friend.

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"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (vs. 2)

"We can love because he first loved us." I John 4:19

*"Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53: 4-6*

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13