

CP - 8/20/23

Galatians 6:1–5 - Lean on Me

Jude 24: “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy”

How does God keep us?

- His Word
- His Spirit (Galatians 5:16)
- His People

Paul spends these verses, not addressing the saint who has fallen, but the one who is restoring the fallen. (No matter how spiritual we are, we are all infected with pride.)

1. The General Call to Carry One Another's Burdens (6:2)

- We all have burdens.
- “Bear” - “carry with endurance”
 - On-going - not finished or completed
- “Burden” - heavy loads that are difficult to carry and manage.
- One of the most beautiful things about the church is our ability to help carry another's load.
- Sometimes we carry, but sometimes we let others carry ours. (Exodus 17:8–13)
- Life is tough, and we need one another to help carry the heaviness of life.
- Who can give testimony of your brothers/sisters helping shoulder the load of life?

2. The Specific Burden to Carry (6:1)

- “if anyone...” - There's two words here that I want you to see.
 - 1. “if” (Not the rule of our lives)
 - 2. “anyone” (but any of us can be caught)
- “transgression” — rebellion against god
 - This could be any of us.
- “you who are spiritual” (Those walking by the Spirit)
 - “restore him” (mend broken nets)
 - “Wait, I thought we just leave him alone or that's not our problem.”
 - No! When a brother/sister fails, it's our problem too.
 - **Desire a church that seeks to see you holy more than one that seeks to make you happy.**
 - **Sin should be a burden, not a delight!**

3. The Warning to the Burden Carrier (6:3–5)

- Watch yourself (1b)
- Don't deceive yourself (3)
- Test yourself (4)