

DAILY READING PLAN

Week of October 31, 2021

Community...It Starts Here:

Bear One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:1-3



Day One: Read Galatians 6:2

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

- What does it mean to you to "bear one another's burdens"? When is it helpful to step in and when is it not? Whose burden can you bear today?

Day Two: Read Luke 10:30-35

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

- When have you been (metaphorically speaking) beaten and bleeding on the side of the road? Who stopped to help? What was helpful and what wasn't? Give thanks today for the good Samaritans in your life.

Day Three: Read 1 Timothy 2:1

¹ I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

- Praying for others is one way to bear their burdens. It's so easy to say that we'll pray for others, but so easy to forget to ever do it! Today, write down the names of three people whose burdens you can pray about and actually do it.

Day Four: Read Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

- Encouragement makes all of our burdens easier to bear. Who can you encourage today, and how can you stir others up to love and good works?

Day Five: Read Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

- What burden are you bearing today? What is this verse calling you to do?