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### **Bearing Burdens**

Simple Church | Week 16 | Galatians 6:1-5

### **INTRODUCTION NOTES** In today's key passage of Scripture in Galatians 6, Paul talks about carrying our own load, but at the same time, carrying the burdens of other people. God has not called us to just live for ourselves; we are to be engaged in the lives of other people. That is why living in community with other believers is so important. As we live in this way, there are several things we learn about carrying other people's burdens, and that is exactly what we are going to look at in this message. KEY POINTS 1. The pull to bear burdens - From within - From outside - From above 2. The prevention of bearing burdens for others In Verse 3, the Scripture speaks about what hinders us. I don't know what translation you are using, but the Scripture talks about conceit. It is easy for us to be full of ourselves. In fact, the phrase, "vain glory" describes the narcissistic attitude where we think we are too good, too busy, or too important to be involved in connecting with people. When you are full of yourself, this will keep you from being involved in the lives of people. That's what the Scripture says. If you are not involved, it is because you are full of vourself. 3. The power to bear burdens The Scripture is very clear that we have the power to bear the burdens of others. This is in concert and fellowship with the Spirit of God. The very flow of the Spirit of God causes us to be involved in the lives of other people. The Holy Spirit's job is to draw people to the Lord and convict people of sin. The Holy Spirit leads us to be involved in the lives of other people. And when we step in to bear burdens, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to do so in a way that brings honor and glory to God and points others to Him.

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4. The principles of burden bearing	NOTES
- Begin with where you are	
- Expect inconvenience	
- Use what you have	
- Carry the right load	
- Accept no qualifiers	
- Share your burden	

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	Where do you fee	l the strongest pul	l to l	bear ot	hers'	burd	lens (	(within,	outside	٤,
	or above)?									

2.	What is something that keeps yo	ou from	wanting to	bear bur	dens f	or ot	her
	people?						

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3.	Which principle of burden bearing comes easier for you? Which would you most like to work on?

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