



**Never, Ever Give Up!**  
**Galatians 6:7-10**

*Mother's Day video*

INTRODUCE OURSELVES

**SHARON** (Include that we have notes - go to Messages on the app and click on today)

PHOTO of Lennon

**TARA**

PHOTO of kids with Easter Bunny

**TARA:** Can I tell you a secret? I am tired!

Does it get better?

**SHARON:** NO – it just gets different.

**STORY:** When I had just a few young children, I asked Lynell Brooks one day if it got any easier and she replied “No, it just gets different.”

**TARA:** We have a small present for the Mom with the youngest child - small reminder that you have got this!

*Banter back and forth about being WEARY*

Quotes from weary mothering

**TARA:** A. Them: you look tired

B. Me: I have kids I am pretty sure this is just my face now.

**SHARON:** Super Mom, Super Wife, Super Tired

Don't tell Mom she looks tired but tell her she is doing a great job because she may not know that

**TARA:** People say "Follow you Dreams" so I went to bed!

**SHARON:** Story of plate kept getting taken away when my kids were young. Now I have to focus on not worrying about my adult children.

**TARA:** Story of ER - I've learned from being an ER nurse to focus on one thing at a time. Moms are so concerned about having everything done. You can't be showered, clean my home, feed my kids, etc.

**TARA:** Introduce the passage Galatians 6:7-10 NLT

READ

**7** Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. **8** Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. **9** So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. **10** Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

**TARA:** I think we are all familiar with the saying "you reap what you sow". For example, you plant a pumpkin seed and don't expect to get an apple tree. What

we plant or instill in our children we will see the results of that. We will reap a harvest of blessing eventually.

**STORY:** Harper got a wild flower kit from Elizabeth Kelder. We planted those seeds and watched them grow. A couple weeks went by and finally we saw wild flowers.

**SHARON:** Focus – 6:7-10 but let's first look at two concepts earlier in this chapter that will give context to this passage.

**READ:** Galatians 6:2 "Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ".

**STORY:** In the ancient world, people traveling together would share the load with one another by spreading out the goods between them. (Hansens and Nobles traveling together)

In Matthew 12:46 there is a story of Jesus speaking to a crowd and his Mother and brothers come and want to speak with him. And Jesus replies "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" and then he says to his disciples "Look, these are my mother, brothers and sisters."

When we join the family of God, our family grows! We become like brothers, sisters, Moms, Dad to one another.

**STORY:** I grew up hearing my parents refer to people as Sister Harwell or Brother Turnbull. It was a continual reminder that we are not just going to church together - we are a community - a family because of Jesus!

The law of Christ is the law of LOVE.

If we truly love one another, then we know what is going on in each others' lives and we help each other. This is actually our greatest witness to the world.

READ John 13:34-35

**34** So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. **35** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

**TARA:** Sharing one another’s burdens – what does that look like?

- Prayer
- Take to coffee
- Card/note
- Doordash gift card

SHARON: READ Galatians 6:5 “For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”

Boy, we love talking about responsibility as Moms, don’t we?! Well - there is a very biblical reason for doing that!

STORY: Matt and I had chore charts and routines that we cherished to build responsibility in our kids and they DID NOT always appreciate them! But the other day, Matt and I said to one another - one of the character traits that all our children have is responsibility. Something went right there. It is an important lesson that we parents teach our kids. God expects us to be responsible with what He gives us!

**TARA:** ILLUSTRATION: Baby mop onesie – Shiloh is earning her keep!

**SHARON:** This verse simply means that we will be responsible before God, on judgment day, of our actions. Each of us - we can’t hide behind the coattails of our

parents or grandparents. We will be judged for how we used the gifts and resources that God gave us.

Remember the parable of the talents? Each man was given a different number of talents but in the end, he was judged on how he used them not on the number or amount given.

POINT: We are to be responsible for what God has given us and also to share the load with others.

**TARA:** Galatians 6:7-8

READ

**7** Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. **8** Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

What does GOOD look like? Living to please the Spirit - what does that look like?

- Phil 4:8. READ

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

- Fruit of the Spirit Gal. 5:22 READ

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

- God's Word – if we want to know what is good, we need to know God's Word.

- Illustrations:

- o Be in church/community

- o Join a small group
- o Read the Bible daily and pray
- o Choose a verse and memorize as a family
- o Get your kids to the kids' programs
- o Monday Night Mix
- o Mesa Women's Podcast & Blog – *camp here for a moment*

## SHARON - vs 9

9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

STORY: I have had five children and it is easy to lose heart in the middle of labor. I remember telling Matt during Ethan's labor that if I ever wanted to have more children to remind me of this moment!

NIV uses the word WEARY which I think conveys exhaustion.

PASSAGE MEANING: It is easy but dangerous to **lose heart**. In the ancient world, this phrase translated **lose heart** was used for the kind of fear and weariness a woman experiences during labor before delivery. It describes a time when the work is hard and painful, but also unfinished and unrewarded. It's easy to **lose heart** when we feel like that, but that is exactly when we must hang on and **not grow weary while doing good**.

**TARA:** STORY: Shiloh's labor and delivery

**SHARON:** Pastor Jordan used this verse last week...

## Isaiah 40:31

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

QUOTE: Winston Churchill; Never, never, ever give up.

**TARA:** How do we not give up?

**SHARON:** We give encouragement to each other.

Courage comes from each other. When I encourage you - the Holy Spirit is using me to give you “courage” to go on. I learned that from my Cancer journey.

**TARA:** Key – stick with it, be consistent, perseverance – you will reap a harvest if you don’t give up!

EXAMPLE: Hotel – some of you want to give up – don’t give up! We are almost into our new building!

Vs 10 Do good to everyone especially those in the family of God.

- Our first is to the adopted family of God
- You have to know people in order to help them. Get to know people.

**SHARON:** We are a FAMILY not a BUSINESS. Moms have a special way of reminding us of that. We are raising sons and daughters - this isn’t a business transaction. We are responsible for the growth and development of the next generation. It is tiring work but the outcome is worth it!

The best way to raise our children is in COMMUNITY. People in a community take care of one another. They are FAMILY. When you are discouraged - I can assure you that you will make it through. There is light at the end of the tunnel. Eventually, everyone can go potty by themselves!

**TARA:** Really? It feels like I will always be changing diapers or potty training! I need that kind of support and encouragement. Someone to remind me that I am doing a good job!

**SHARON:** I think that is the role of the Grandmas and Grandpas is to remind our younger people that they are doing a good job. We are available for wisdom and encouragement when you need it - *when you ask for it*. AND as we age, we need to be reminded that others need our encouragement that they will make it through! That brings us value as well and a reminder that life is about raising up a generation to follow Christ.

QUOTE: Mother Teresa said “Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home.”

As Christians, our family includes those who are in the family of God. We take care of one another - you are my spiritual daughter and I am your spiritual mother or we can consider one another sisters in Christ. Jesus asks us to love one another like he has loved the church.

## **CLOSE**

**TARA:** It is easy to become weary and give up when we don't see an end in sight or we feel like what we are doing doesn't matter. I want to share a story of a Mom who could see the gifts in her child and despite difficult circumstances - DID NOT GIVE UP!

I want to tell you a quick story. This is a story of perseverance. A story of not giving up. A story of not growing weary. There was a young boy...whose teacher called him “addled”. It's not a word heard much today...it basically means unable to think clearly or confused. The teacher didn't have much hope in him becoming anyone of importance. His MOM however, knew the potential inside her son. She knew that he was in fact intelligent. She pulled him from school and taught him at



home. He grew up being invested in by his mother. She instilled this spirit in him of “never giving up”. He became an inventor. He perfected the phonograph, automatic telegraph, and light bulb for mass use...just to name a few. In the process of working on these inventions he had thousands of “failures” before his final prototype. But he never gave up! He pushed through, persevered and today we have the light bulb! Thank you Thomas Edison, for your spirit of never giving up and for being an example to us!

AND thank you to Nancy, who embodied Galatians 6:9 - So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. If it wasn’t for a Mom who didn’t get TIRED of doing what was good for her son - Thomas Edison may not have been as successful as he was. His Mom modeled “Never Give Up” to her son and we have all benefited for more than a century because of his inventions.

**SHARON:** Are you tired this morning? Do you feel like giving up? This is a message for all Moms, Dads, Sisters, Brothers, Employees, Retirees, Teenagers and so on. We serve a savior who is NOT distant - He is NEAR! He can give you the strength to persevere! Call upon Jesus and rely on His strength.

He wants us to gather together in community and encourage one another to persevere - to share one another’s load because one day we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up!

**TARA:** PRAYER for those who are Weary

## 5 Questions:

1. Are you weary? Have you lost heart about something in your life? Give it to Jesus first!
2. Is there a Christian family of believers that you share your load with? If not, what do you need to do to find that family?
3. Is there an area of your life where you need to take responsibility? Ask the Lord to give you the courage to take responsibility!
4. Think of someone that you can encourage (give courage to) this week. What will you do to encourage them?
5. PRAYER: Lord, help me to always call out to you, first, when I am weary of my circumstances. I promise to remember that you have created me for community! Help me to share my load with others and support others, especially those in the family of God, as they walk through life!

Resources and References:

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/galatians-6/>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/>