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DO THE WORD: What weight are you carrying?

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Now come forward and share this burden with an elder or leader in the church and receive prayer and support.

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