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Acting Like a Family – Galatians 6:1-10

Bear One Another's Burdens

6 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Inside the Text:

I. **There are burdens you can share. (1-2)**

A. **You are qualified to help. (1a)**

1. Based on your position in Christ (“brothers”)
2. Based on your connection with others (“anyone,” “any transgression”)
3. Based on your identification with the Holy Spirit (“spiritual”)

B. **You are commissioned to help. (1b-2)**

1. Restore: Gently and soberly
2. Bear: Completely and joyfully

II. There are burdens you must bear. (3-10)

A. Examine your motives. (3-4)

1. Step back and take an objective look. (3-4a)
2. Reevaluate the source of your strength. (4b)
3. Live with eternity in view. (5)

B. Fulfill your responsibilities. (6-10)

1. Treatment of pastor/teachers (6-9)
2. Treatment of community members (10a)
3. Treatment of church members (10b)

Apply the Text:

• Is there a burden you need to share?

- Has the Holy Spirit brought someone to your mind?
- Stop making excuses for not actively seeking his restoration!
- Reach out to him today.

• Is there a burden you need to bear?

- Are you living in light of the Judgment Seat of Christ?
- Which of the three categories of people need more of your attention:
(1) church leaders; (2) community members; (3) church family.