

## Sharing Each Other's Burdens

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<sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Galatians 6:2-3 (NLT)

# How can I help spread the weight?

#### 1. I see the struggling.

<sup>18</sup> At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

Philippians 4:18 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

### 2. I allow them to pick the pace.

<sup>2</sup> As newborn babies want milk, you should want the pure and simple teaching. By it you can mature in your salvation.

1 Peter 2:2 (ICB)

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, in the past I could not talk to you as I talk to spiritual people. I had to talk to you as I would to people of the world—babies in Christ. <sup>2</sup> The teaching I gave you was like milk, not solid food. I did this because you were not ready for solid food. And even now you are not ready.

1 Corinthians 3:1-2 (ICB)

#### 3. I pull my weight.

<sup>36</sup> Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, <sup>38</sup> but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.

Acts 15:36-38 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup> We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 (NIV)

## How can Christ ease my burden?

#### 1. Lean on Him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. <sup>30</sup> The burden that I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NCV)

### 2. I partner with His people.

<sup>24</sup> Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. <sup>25</sup> You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NCV)