

## *“Bear One Another’s Burdens”*

### **INTRODUCTION: Galatians 6:2**

Jesus offers to bear our burdens – Matthew 11:28

- **6:2** – a “burden” too difficult to bear alone.
  - **6:5** – a “burden” we are to bear ourselves.
  - 6:5** – Some responsibilities, we can’t pass off to others ... we have to “carry our own pack”.
  - 6:2** – Some responsibilities, we are to help each other bear.
    - Don’t just promise to pray for them – James 2:15-17
  - 6:1** – This man had fallen into sin, and the consequences were a “burden” to him.
- The church is a family, to help each other – 1 Corinthians 12:26

### **3 INSTRUCTIONS** on how to bear another’s burdens:

#### **I. WHAT ARE WE TO DO?** – “restore” – **6:1**

- Perhaps your “burden” has to do with the sins of another.
- Perhaps your “burden” isn’t your own fault.
- Perhaps you were caught off-guard, and yielded to temptation.

#### **A. What Aren’t We To Do?**

- 1.- Rejoice – Feeling like they got what they deserved.
- 2.- Reveal – Exposing the sin of others – 1 Peter 4:8

#### **B. What Are We To Do?**

- Don’t reject, but “restore” – **6:1** – ‘to set a broken bone’.
- Wisdom & discernment is needed so we won’t bear a “**6:5**” burden that they are to bear themselves ... but, encourage them!

#### **II. WHY ARE WE TO DO IT?** – “love” – **6:2** – John 13:34

- We’re in the “Family of God” – **6:1, 6:10**
- When 1 member hurts, all the members hurt.
- Those who are “spiritual” have this “love” of God.

#### **III. HOW SHOULD WE DO IT?** – “gentleness” – **6:1**

- Our reaction to their burden will determine our response.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Jesus set the example, carrying our sin burden to the cross.
- Jesus did this out of LOVE, and we are to continue His ministry.