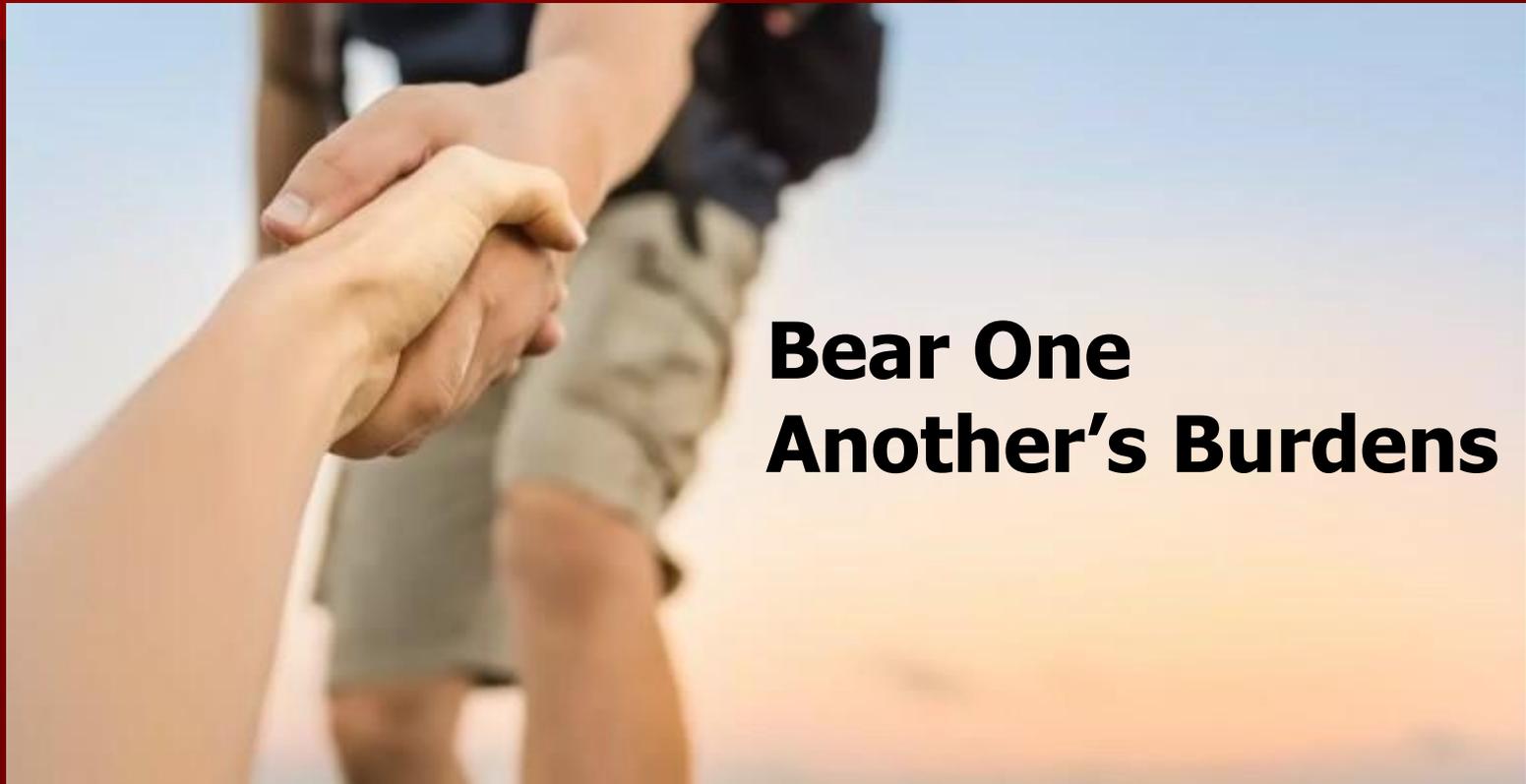


# Message



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Another's Burdens**

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## ■ Galatians 6:1-5

- "...Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ..."

**When we look at the larger passage, Galatians 6:1–5, we see that we are encouraged to restore those caught in sin, bear one another's burdens, and test our own work—bearing the individual load of our own responsibilities.**

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- Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
  - ❖ The word **burden** here means "a weight of personal and eternal significance."  
It can refer to a character flaw, a struggle, or a moral requirement.
  - ❖ The Greek word *phortion* is translated as "load" in this verse and it is defined as a non-transferable personal burden.
  - ❖ As individuals, each of us has non-transferable responsibilities that we are required to fulfill.

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## ■ Acts 11:27-30

- “...And to the extent that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brothers and sisters living in Judea...”

## ■ Philippians 2:3-4

- “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”



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A flock of geese is captured in flight over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The geese are in various stages of flight, with their wings spread wide. In the background, a dark silhouette of a treeline and a utility pole are visible against the horizon.

# Lessons from Geese



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## ■ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- ❖ A flock of geese is like a team. Flying together creates an uplift, a surge that carries the whole farther than its individual parts could go by themselves.

## ■ Ephesians 4:3-4, 14-16

- ❖ Going it alone - being independent of the flock - leads to falling behind.



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- **Romans 12:15**

- **Hebrews 10:24-25**

- ❖ **Encouragement. Through our prayers and kind words we can give strength to those around us.**

- **Hebrews 2:10-13, 17-18**

- **I Peter 4:8**

- ❖ **Our Savior – Our Elder Brother – Sets the Example.**

