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One Anothers - Week #3 Restore One Another

Restoration: The act of returning something to its' former condition.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 6:1-5 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load.

Restoration Boot Camp:

1. Remember they have good bones!

- We may be badly defaced but we are all made in the image of God.
- Restoration is in our spiritual DNA!
- Restoring one another is the great work of our lives.

2. Restoration is spiritually systematic! (Galatians 6:1)

Truths about Restoration:

a. Restoration will be painful but worth it!

Psalms 51:4 (NIV)

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

James 5:16 (NIV)

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

b. The approach must be gentle!

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

- c. Restoration is a "southern thang"! (Galatians 6:1)
- Restoration is never a solo endeavor!
- d. Restoration takes the right attitude!
- e. Restoration is a spiritual work!

- f. Restoration is dangerous! (Galatians 6:1)
- 3. Share the burden but don't take the load! (Galatians 6:5)
- Carrying another's load eventually strips them of dignity and dependency!