

Real Christian Community Series—The Church as it Ought to Be
“Bear One Another’s Burdens” David Owens
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Introduction:

- A. M. Scott Peck began his book, *The Road Less Traveled* with three words, “_____ is _____.”
- B. God’s intention for the church is that we become a _____ where we bear one another’s _____.

I. The Command

- A. The “burdens” we are to help others carry include any sort of _____ that people face.
- B. The word translated “bear” or “carry” meant “to _____ or _____ something.”
- C. The verb “carry” is in the _____, which means it is a _____.
 - 1. It is not something to be done _____, but _____.
- D. The seeming contradiction of verses 2 and 5 is resolved by the fact that the verses are using two _____ words for “bear.”
- E. The command comes with a _____ result—the fulfillment of the law of Christ, which is the law of _____. (Jn. 13:34)

II. The Application

- A. _____ have burdens to bear.
- B. Two important things are required to bear the burdens of others:
 - 1. We have to _____ that a brother or sister _____ a burden.
 - 2. The person with the burden has to be _____ to allow us to _____ them.
- C. God often uses _____ as His _____ to help us carry our burdens.
- D. How to bear one another’s burdens:
 - 1. Never pass up an opportunity to _____ for someone.
 - 2. Offer a listening _____ and a shoulder to _____ on.
 - 3. Communicate _____ and _____ words.
 - 4. Look for simple, obvious, and _____ ways to _____.
 - 5. Just _____, and offer your _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Life, Difficult. B. community, burdens. I.A. difficulties. I.B. carry, lift. I.C. imperative, command. I.C.1. occasionally, continually. I.D. different. I.E. promised, love. II.A. Christians. II.B.1. know, has. II.B.2. willing, help. II.C. people, agents. II.D.1. pray. II.D.2. ear, cry. II.D.3. positive, encouraging. II.D.4. practical, help. II.D.5. be, there, heart.