“On Bearing Burdens”
Galatians 6:2-5
1. A Crushing Load vs. Individual Responsibility

Galatians 6:2,5

vs. 5 – “his own load; a weight with individual responsibility” e.g. backpack

**Meet your “daily needs” – e.g. $$$

**Emotional “hassles” of life – John 16:33

vs. 2 – crushing load = “baros” meaning heaviness, weight, burden, trouble, load
e.g. Opal Strickland; or any widow/widower
E.g. wheelbarrow
2. Burdens Not to Bear

Guilt, shame, regret from the past

“My yoke is easy, and My burden is light” (Matt. 11:30).

Same word as Galatians 6:5
“My backpack (load)”

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God…” (1 Peter 3:18).
3. When the Lord Stirs a Burden

A **prompting, preparation** for a work He is about to do; revealed through:

* the spoken **Word** – Amos 3:7, Rev. 2:7
* **intimacy in prayer** with the Lord
* **wise counsel** via Christian fellowship, as in a church burdened for “lost” or “broken”

  “tarry til clothed with power on high” (Lk. 24:49)

  “continually devoted to prayer” (Acts 1:14)
Burdens and The Work of the Spirit

* Simeon was “moved by the Spirit” to go into the temple where Joseph and Mary were dedicating Jesus to God (Luke 2:27).
* Jesus was “led by the Spirit” into the desert to be tempted by the devil (Luke 4:1).
* Paul was “compelled by the Spirit” to go to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22).
Under a Load Today?

Is this your reasonable responsibility?
Or is this a crushing load?

Is this an unresolved spiritual issue?
* result of unrepentant, unconfessed sin?
* in faith, have you trusted Jesus @ the Calvary’s cross?

Is this from the Lord, like Noah, He’s preparing you for a larger work/blessing to others?