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Romans 15:1-2 (NIV)

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OVERVIEW

- How the Gospel Reshapes Strength (vv. 1-3)
- The Transformational Nature of Scripture (vv. 4-6)
- Unity Rooted in the Gospel (vv. 7-13)

Reframing “Our Rights”:

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3. Let _____ form you more than _____ informs you. Rom 15:4; Matt 4:1-11

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

When Have You Been Carried? Share a moment in your life when someone carried you—emotionally, spiritually, relationally, or practically—when you couldn’t carry yourself.

Paul says the strong are to “bear with” the failings of the weak. Where has God given you “strength,” and how might that strength be used to *carry* someone rather than to control them? How does Jesus model strength that lifts rather than dominates (think John 13, foot washing)?

Jesus’ entire ministry was cruciform—laying down rights for the good of others. What would it look like in your current relationships or conflicts to “choose the way of the cross” over the way of winning? Where are you tempted to assert your rights? How might Christ’s self-giving way reshape the way you speak, post, or respond?

Paul reminds us that the Scriptures bring endurance, encouragement, and hope (v.4). In what areas do you notice fear shaping your reactions, beliefs, or political posture more than the Word of God? What practices help you return to Scripture as the louder voice?

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