**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

**“Burden Bearing Part 1: Spiritual Restoration”**

**Galatians 5: 25 – 6: 2**

**When the Bible shows us what the Spirit filled life and Spirit filled church looks like it speaks of a local church faith family that through love seeks the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others.**

**The fruit of the Spirit shows itself most often - not in the fantastic displays of healing and the miraculous – but rather through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deeds that care for each other.**

**The outworking of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and our church looks like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: genuine acts of care and concern for one each other.**

**The Spirit filled life involves the discipline of getting your focus off yourself and being willing to do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and challenging things for the spiritual benefit of someone else.**

**Paul gives us a specific type of burden bearing that will be present when believers in a church are living in and keeping in step with the Spirit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The phrase “*you are spiritual*” is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paul’s way of describing an elite class of Christians, as if there are some believers who are “spiritual” to whom the job of spiritual restoration belongs and others who are “unspiritual” and therefore have obligated to come alongside a brother or sister who is “caught” in sin.**

**The spiritual are those who are living and walking according to the Spirit, which is to be every Christian, because every true Christian has the Spirit. All \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the spiritual.**

**According to God’s Word, this command of spiritual restoration does not *only* fall on the pastors, deacons, or other leaders in the church, but rather on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believer.**

**The Christian life was never designed to be independent but rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Seeking the spiritual restoration of a brother or sister caught in sin is God’s idea and command, and because it’s God’s idea and command it must become our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the goal of the command to go after a brother or sister caught in sin.**

**The Greek word for “restore” is the word *καταρτίζω.* It was a medical term used to describe the action of setting a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bone back in place.**

**We must understand that the process of restoring a brother or sister caught in sin is not easy nor is it without pain, but it is worth it because it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pain.**

**As believers, we simply don’t get the option to not bear the burdens of another’s spiritual restoration. The reason we don’t get the option is that this is God’s chosen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to bring the wayward back.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was often used in the Bible as a symbol of the widespread effects that sin can have in the believer’s life and the local church as a whole.**

**Any deviation from the truths of the gospel and any unrepentant progression into sin by an individual member must be addressed by the church lest harm and sin’s effects be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the whole body.**

**The process of spiritual restorations is slow, careful, and caring as the brother or sister is given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to repent.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ promises to be with us in the process of spiritual restoration (Matthew 18:20).**

**While the way in which spiritual restoration is done is important, Paul’s concern in Galatians 6 is not primarily with the specific m*ethod* of spiritual restoration employed but rather with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which the spiritual restoration is done.**

**The manner in which we should approach the spiritual restoration of a wayward brother or sister is one of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**“*Judge not, that you not be judged”* never demands and never means that we do not point out our brother’s or sister’s sin and call them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they might be restored.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tells us in His word to look honestly at ourself before you look at another, but still, He commands us to look to another (Matthew 7: 5).**

**The first and constant thought that should be in our mind while we are seeking spiritual restoration of another is: “there but for the grace of God go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.**

Blanks: good; practical; burden bearing; hard; spiritual restoration; not; believers; every; interdependent; obedience; Restoration; broken; healing; means; Leaven; spread; opportunity; Jesus; manner; gentleness; repentance; God; I;

Congregational Scripture Reading – James 5: 19 – 20

“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”