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Message Notes



People-ing 101: Building Community One Story at a Time
"BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER"
Pastor Tom Lundeen | July 13, 2025

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When we carry each other's burdens (heavy, _____ load) we fulfill the law of Christ (note **Galatians 5:14**).

There is another side of the coin in restoration:

- It's not a license to do evil.
- It requires a willing attitude and actions on the part of the fallen Jesus follower to sincerely _____ and submit to a process of restoration.

Note **Ephesians 4:2** and **Galatians 6:1-3**

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SO MY NEXT STEP IN PEOPLE-ING IS:

- _____ any bitterness/unforgiveness/desire for revenge towards another and embrace God's grace to be willing to forgive and restore another.
- Or _____ we're a fallen/backslidden Jesus follower and we need to sincerely repent and submit to a process of restoration.
- Or _____ on the Holy Spirit in a new way to help a fallen Jesus follower to put the broken pieces of their lives back together as they turn back to Jesus.
- ...understand that Jesus _____ what it means to *bear with each other*...

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

When vacationing, what is the one place or activity that rejuvenates you most?

1. Read **Galatians 6:2**; **Ephesians 4:2**; and **Colossians 3:13**. The call to humility when dealing with a difficult person or someone who has done you wrong is not just challenging, but can even feel offensive. What helps you regain (or maintain) a humble perspective in such circumstances?
2. Pastor Tom said that “bearing with one another is the prelude to forgiving one another...” (**Colossians 3:13**) suggesting that forgiving someone when angry, disgusted, or offended is unfeasible. How do you get over these emotions? Read **Colossians 3:1-2**; **10**, **12** and discuss God’s answers to this very human conundrum.
3. Like humility, gentleness seems counterintuitive in these situations and requires what Pastor Tom called a “character qualification.” Read **Ephesians 4:2**; **Colossians 3:12**; and **Galatians 6:1**. What is that qualification and what steps can you take to develop it in your life?
4. Pastor Tom indicated that for the fallen Jesus follower to experience forgiveness, it “requires a willing attitude and actions...” If you have walked through that process what/who helped you see what was needed to take steps toward forgiveness and restoration?
5. Is there someone you need to forgive or help restore to a healthy place with God? If so, Pastor Tom said that you will need to “release any bitterness” you may harbor to forgive them and “depend on the Holy Spirit in a new way” to help them pick up their lives again. What steps will you take this week?

Day One: Mark 13; Psalm 130

Day Two: Numbers 13; Proverbs 6

Day Three: Ephesians 1; 2 Kings 4

Day Four: Revelation 22; Ezekiel 7

Day Five: Job 6; Acts 18

PERSONAL GUIDE

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