



Main Point : Carry the load and fulfill the law of Christ

1. Carry your brother's burdens
2. Carry your own burden

#1:

"Mass murder is why Jesus came into the world the way he did. What kind of Savior do we need when our hearts are shredded by brutal loss? We need a suffering Savior. We need a Savior who has tasted the cup of horror we are being forced to drink. And that is how he came. He knew what this world needed. Not a comedian. Not a sports hero. Not a movie star. Not a political genius. Not a doctor. Not even a pastor. The world needed what no mere man could be. The world needed a suffering Sovereign. Mere suffering would not do. Mere sovereignty would not do. The one is not strong enough to save; the other is not weak enough to sympathize. So he came as who he was: the compassionate King. The crushed Conqueror. The lamb-like Lion. The suffering Sovereign."

John Piper

#2:

"The Bible always sees people in some kind of community with one another... Human life is about relationships, and relationships define human life. I am never okay, no matter what I seem to be achieving and no matter how happy and satisfied I am, if I am not living properly in the primary relationships in which God has placed me. Paul communicates this with thunderous clarity in Galatians 5:14: "The entire law is summed up in a single command." Wouldn't you now expect him to say, "Love God above all else"? But he doesn't. Instead he says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Since we were created by God to be social beings and are invested by God with a moral responsibility to our neighbor, our calling to live in community is a primary way of understanding who we are and what we have been called to do."

Paul Tripp

Lost in the Middle: Midlife and the Grace of God

#3:

"Thus the 'bringing-to-an-end-fulfillment' (of the law) in the first instance (5:14) is to be understood in the light of its obligations now being carried out fully by those who, empowered by the Spirit, live as Christ himself did...(A reminder that) life free from Torah (law) and flesh, empowered by the Spirit, does not lead to "lawlessness." Rather it leads to patterning one's life after the ultimate expression of the law, namely, Christ, who through his death and resurrection "bore the burdens" of one and all. Above all, Christ is the one "who loved us and gave himself for us." This is the "law of Christ" which people of the Spirit are called to reproduce by means of the Spirit."

Gordon Fee

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#4:

"A Spirit person is not a perfect person...It is exactly our common vulnerability that causes people of the Spirit to restore the fallen, rather than to kick them while they are down, as many of us are so prone to do."

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