

“Soldier to Soldier, Shoulder to Shoulder”

March 9, 2008 * Galatians 6:1-5

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~ 2 Timothy 2:22

Marc Fillion was the ‘starting pitcher’ for this message with Pastor Barry coming in as the ‘closer’ to mop up in the late innings.

The first time Marc gave this message it was translated into _____

I. Burden vs. Load

A. A “burden” is _____

B. A “load” is _____

C. Vs 5 means we cannot just _____ our burdens onto others and then _____.

D. What was the point of the movie clip?

II. The “burden” that Paul is actually talking about is _____ (vs. 1)

A. Wait a minute, Marc is suggesting that I _____

B. But he’s not the only one. _____ concurs!

C. It’s important that we _____ wisely

III. But... WHY?!!

Three reasons:

A. For _____

1. The term used here means: to be _____

B. We were not made to face sin _____

1. How did Jesus model this for us?

C. It promotes _____

IV. Responsibilities of the Bearer

A. Be on the lookout or you may be _____ (vs2)

1. To do what?

2. But more likely:

V. Other’s who give advice on this topic

A. Jesus talks about _____ and _____

(Matthew 7:1-5)

1. How is this passage often used?

B. But Paul says I *am* to _____ those inside the church!

1. How can both be true?

Projects:

1. Identify areas of weakness and vulnerability in your life which you have been keeping to yourself. Write them out.
2. Make a commitment that before this month is out, you will find a LIFE group, a small group, a Bible study, a prayer partner, a counselor – some trusted group or friend where you can reveal the things you wrote out in item #1. Commit yourself to meeting no less than monthly, no less than 6-12 months.
3. If married, begin praying with your spouse 3 times a week in March.
If single, find a prayer partner with whom you will pray once a week in March.
4. Review all your memory verses – including the 5 you wrote out last week (a total now of 11 verses.)

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VI. Burden vs. Load

A. A “burden” is more weight than we can carry.

B. A “load” is cargo we can manage on our own.

C. Vs 5 means we cannot just pass our burdens onto others and then walk away from it.

D. What was the point of the movie clip?

This scene from the movie ‘The Mission’ shows that Robert Deniro’s character wasn’t ready to give up the burden he was carrying (a heavy net-full of armor that he dragged behind him in penance for murdering his brother.) It’s a lesson to us that we cannot attempt to bear another’s burden if it is not yet ready to be borne.

VII. The “burden” that Paul is actually talking about is sin (vs. 1)

A. Wait a minute, Marc is suggesting that I let others know the sins I am struggling with.

B. But he’s not the only one. James concurs!

(James 5:16 – “Therefore confess your sins to each other... that you may be healed.”)

C. It’s important that we choose wisely whom to share with. It is to be a ‘righteous’ person. We need to use discernment regarding whom we open up to.

VIII. But... WHY?!!

Three reasons:

A. For healing.

1. The term used here means: to be made whole.

2.

B. We were not made to face sin alone.

1. How did Jesus model this for us?

When he went to the Garden to pray on the night of his betrayal, he took Peter, James and John with him.

C. It promotes unity.

IX. Responsibilities of the Bearer

A. Be on the lookout or you may be tempted (vs2)

1. To do what?

To fall into the same sin.

2. But more likely:

This is a warning against pride as we may be tempted to compare ourselves to the person who had the courage to confess to us.

X. Other’s who give advice on this topic

A. Jesus talks about planks and specks.

(Matthew 7:1-5)

1. How is this passage often used?

To suggest that we ought never to make a moral judgment of any kind, because after all – we all have planks in our eye.

B. But Paul says I *am* to judge those inside the church!

1. How can both be true?

Jesus is talking about judging. Paul is talking about accountability. “Judging” is when I use myself as a measuring stick. Accountability is when I use God’s measuring stick (which is Christ).

We ought to learn how to confess our sins in accountability to others now while we still can control how and when our sin comes to light. If we wait till God decides to bring it to light, it will be more painful than humbling yourself to a righteous person of God.

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