

CARRYING EACH OTHER'S BURDENS TO JESUS.

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Mark 2:2-5-NLT

Soon the house where He was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While He was preaching God's word to them, 3 four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

4 **They couldn't bring him to Jesus** because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above His head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

5 **Seeing their faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

When it comes to bringing someone or a situation to Jesus Christ, remember this:

1. ANYTIME YOU LIFT **THE WEIGHT OFF OF ANOTHER PERSON, IT WILL BRING RESTORATION, AND EDIFICATION TO THAT PERSON.**

Verse 3-... *four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.*

When we have situations in our own life, we need **the help of others to carry us through.**

Galatians 6:2-AMP.

Bear (endure, carry) one another's burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete what is lacking [*in your obedience to it*].

Passion -v2 ...*Love empowers us to fulfill the law of the Anointed One as we carry each other's troubles.*

ERV-...*Help each other with your troubles...*

Message Bible - ...*Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law.*

Wuest - *Brethren, if, however, a man be overtaken in a sin, as for you who are the spiritual ones, be restoring such a one in a spirit of meekness,... One another's burdens be constantly bearing,...*

Burden: *heaviness, weight, trouble, worry, tribulation, trials, difficulty, stress, misfortune, cross to bear.*

Romans 15:2-AMP

2 Let each one of us make it a practice to please (make happy) his neighbor for his good and for his true welfare, to edify him [*to strengthen him and build him up spiritually*].

We need to find someone who will **agree with us** in prayer concerning our situation:

Matthew 18:19 –Wuest

Again, assuredly I am saying to you, **If two of you upon the earth are in agreement, concerning every matter of which they ask that something be given it shall become theirs** from the presence of my Father who is in heaven.

AMP - Again I tell you, if two of you on earth **agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together)** about whatever [*anything and everything*] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.

Without each other, we can **burn out.**

Exodus 18:17-18-NLT

Moses' father-in-law said to him, the thing that you are doing is not good.

18 You will surely **wear out both yourself and this people with you**, for **the thing is too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it all by yourself.**

2. YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN BY REFUSING TO: **GIVE IN, GIVE UP OR GET DISCOURAGED.**

Verse 4 -... *They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above His head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.*

The crowd was the problem, so they **went around it.**

The roof was a problem, so **they raised it.**

1Corinthians 16:13-CEV

... Keep alert. **Be firm in your faith. Stay brave and strong.**

3. USE YOUR **FAITH, IT'S WHAT MOVES GOD.**

Verse 5 ... **Seeing their faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Hebrews 11:6 –Message

... It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God **must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.**

Passion : 6 *And without faith living within us it would be impossible to please God. For we come to God **in faith knowing that he is real and that he rewards the faith of those who give all their passion and strength into seeking him.***