

E BEHIND: ERS' KEEPER

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Jn 1:12-13

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.""

Jn 3:5-7

God asked him, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain responded, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Gen 4:9

I. FAITHFULLY WALK ALONGSIDE ONE ANOTHER



A. Encourage One Another To Grow in Faith

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Heb 10: 24-25

Spur: paroxusmos (Greek)

to provoke or stir up

B. Support and Strengthen Each Other in Daily Life

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecc 4: 9-10

"if either of them falls down": stumbling/facing hardships is inevitable



"help them up": our role in supporting each other

"If two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone. Though one may be overpowered by another, two can defend themselves."

(vv11-12a)

: comfort and strength



"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

While two are strong, having God makes the bond stronger.

In this spiritual family in Elim, no one should ever walk alone.





¹ "Brothers, if a man is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, watching yourselves, lest you also be tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.³ For if someone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵ For each one shall bear his own burden."

Gal 6:1-5 (MEV)

A. Restore Gently When Someone Falls

B. Bear Each Other's Burdens



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."





"For if someone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself"





"...each one should carry his own burden."



"burdens" (v2)

"baros": heavy weights/loads too much to carry alone

"burden" (v5)

"phortion": "loads", the backpack carried by soldier

"We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up."

Rom 15:1-2

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."