

# THE CROSS ROAD

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## KNOWING WHAT TO CARRY

In Galatians 6, Paul uses two words that sound similar on the surface, but mean very different things: burdens and loads. Understanding the difference changes how we love one another and how we walk faithfully before God.

Paul writes, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). A burden is something heavy, crushing, and overwhelming. It is something never meant to be carried alone. Burdens show up as grief, deep discouragement, illness, anxiety, sin struggles, or seasons of loss. When Paul tells the church to carry these together, he's calling us into the heart of Jesus. This is a love that moves toward pain, not away from it.

But just a few verses later, Paul says, "For each one should carry their own load" (Galatians 6:5). The word load is different. A load is a responsibility. It's the weight of daily faithfulness; our work, our callings, our commitments, our obedience. These are not things we outsource. They are part of the stewardship God has entrusted to each of us.

Both matter. A healthy church does both.

If I'm honest, I am very comfortable helping others with their burdens. I feel a sense of purpose when I run into the fires people are facing. Standing with others in pain is an honor for me. My struggle is letting others help me carry my burdens. Pride whispers that I should be able to handle it myself. To admit I need help is to surrender and show weakness. This is not a wise way to live. We should never resist the grace offered to us by others.

Faith reminds me that God often meets me through His people.

To fulfill the law of Christ, we must be the kind of church that carries burdens freely, receives help humbly, and lives responsibly. We need each other, and we also need to be faithful with what God has placed in our hands.

May we live out both of these truths in love.

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## LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

**WEEKLY NEEDS:** \$9,986.55

**OFFERING:** \$3,395.88

**DIFFERENCE:** -\$6,590.67

**BUILDING FUND:** \$261,655.31

## ATTENDANCE:

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
253

**TUESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**  
58

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
90

## COMING UP:

**ORDINATION SERVICE**  
FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

**YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT**  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM