

# Restored to Life

## Galatians 6:1-5

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1. Paul is not talking about a minor physical tripping in his letter, but a major spiritual one – they are stepping out of line in their pursuit of Jesus. (Galatians 5:19-21)
2. These “wrong doings” are anything that put you out of step with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
3. Paul doesn’t just suggest, he doesn’t gently nudge, he commands the Spiritual to restore those who are caught in wrong doings.
4. When Paul says “Restore” he means to re-align to a former condition of well-being. Aligning them back up with Jesus.
5. We are commanded to restore with gentleness. This command is for all believers. (Galatians 6:1)
6. To bear one another’s burdens you have to get close to them. Jesus gave the perfect example – He became man, walked in our ways and carried our burdens. (Isaiah 53:4-5)
7. We must be examining our own work, comparing not to each other, but to the law of Christ.
8. The command to restore:
  - Is for All believers (v.1)
  - Is burdensome, but a privilege (v.2)
  - Reveals our own hearts
  - Doesn’t remove ownership of sin.

## GREEK WORDS

**paráptōma** - a fall beside, a false step, a blunder, a failure to achieve;

**báros**- a heavy weight or stone that someone is required to carry for a long distance

# QUOTES

"A dim gospel makes a cold Christian; a distant Saviour makes a halting, hesitating disciple."  
—Dr. James Hamilton

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you had to describe a perfect scenario in which someone confronted YOU about a sin...what would it look like? (who, what, when, where, how)
2. What makes it hard for you to invest in the lives of others?
3. What burdens weigh heaviest on you today?
4. How does Galatians 6:1 restoration compare to Jesus' words Matthew 18:15-20? How do they contrast?
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### **Possible questions to ponder and pray about before restoration:**

- How much have you prayed about it?
- Do they claim to be a believer and follower of Jesus?
- Do you have a relationship with the person to actually speak into their life?
- Can you verify this is a major, habitual sin issue and not immaturity or preference or petty?
- Can you explain WHY this particular wrongdoing is a sin? Why does God oppose it? What scripture can you use to support it?
- Why do you want to bring it to their attention? Is it out of love (read 1 Cor 13) or is there a different hidden agenda for you?
- What does it look like to be gentle and winsome to the person if you are called to restore?
- Will you continue to pray for them about the process even after confrontation?

GotQuestions.com "When is it necessary to rebuke another believer?"