#### THE ONE-ANOTHERS

CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Galatians 6:1-2 "Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you also won't be tempted. Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit."

### 1. Walking in the Spirit. (5:16)

Romans 8:8-9 "For those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."

I Corinthians 6:19-20 "Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from Gód? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body."

#### 2. Being filled with the Spirit. (5:18)

John 15:1-11

Ephesians 5:18 "And don't get drunk with wine which leads to reckless actions, but be filled by the Spirit."

3. The Fruit of the Spirit. (5:22-23)

With all of that in mind...

Understand the importance of chapter 6, verse 1.

Brothers!

Romans 15:1 "Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves.

## What is the ultimate goal in this passage...<u>RESTORATION!</u>

Restoration- to <u>mend</u>, <u>repair</u>, or make <u>whole</u>.

Hebrews 12:12-13 "Therefore strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead."

Paul is talking about a man who has been caught in the act. He has been overtaken by a circumstance that has brought his sin to light. BUSTED!

And what are we supposed to do for that individual? RESTORE

Restoration means to return to true spiritual health.

Luke 15:7 "I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who don't need repentance."

James 5:19-20 "My brothers, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his life from death and cover a multitude of sins."

Two things that I believe have the devil shaking...

- 1. A believer acknowledging his sin and turning from it
- 2. A believer on his knees praying for another brother

# THREE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET TO SUCCESSFULLY RESTORE A BROTHER

1. The restorer must be spiritual.

-Paul was exhorting the spiritually mature to do the work of restoration

\*the spiritual person can approach someone in humility because they understand how apart from God's grace they could be right there

\*the spiritual person typically is one who is caught up in a lifestyle of prayer and meditation on the Scripture 2. The restorer must come in a spirit of gentleness.

-meek, courteous, considerate, and loving

Il Timothy 2:24-26 "The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to feach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. Then they may come to their senses and escape the devil's trap, having been captured by him to do his will."

3. The restorer must look out for himself, so he is <u>not</u> <u>tempted</u>.

-you don't send a recovering alcoholic to the bar to encourage someone

-this is the work of the spiritually mature man

A.T. Robertson said, "Spiritual experts (leaders) need this caution...Satan loves a shining mark."

We have to be on our guard all the time. We too can fall. Never forget we were all equally guilty before a holy God. Romans 5:8 "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"

Romans 8:1 "Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 5:14 "For the entire law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself."