



# KNOWING WHICH BURDEN TO BEAR



FROM  
JOHN'S  
HEART  
TO  
YOURS

Open a newspaper, turn on your phone or the TV and you will be met with a stream of needs and disasters that will leave you reeling.

How will we ever sort it all out?

There is more financial insecurity now than we've known in our lifetimes.

If it's not Syria, it's Iraq or Somalia; human tragedy on an unprecedented scale. More refugees than the world has ever seen, seeking help in one country or another.

People's needs and their personal disasters in marriages, businesses and relationships swamp us.

Another suicide bomber, fire, drought, or earthquake hits the news every day. That sense of hopelessness, as we contemplate the magnitude of it all.

And then Paul says: "bear one another's burdens", and the "needs pressure" that builds up in our lives becomes impossible.

The markets are in turmoil with Brexit and other world events making their mark and taking their toll.

It's not meant to be that way!

As a start, taken in context, Paul is referring in Galatians 6:2 to the burden of moral failure. It's not our job to carry the burden of someone else's sin, but to help them walk in His grace.

In the process, we are encouraged to consider our own weaknesses and susceptibility  
<sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.  
(Gal 6:5 ESV)

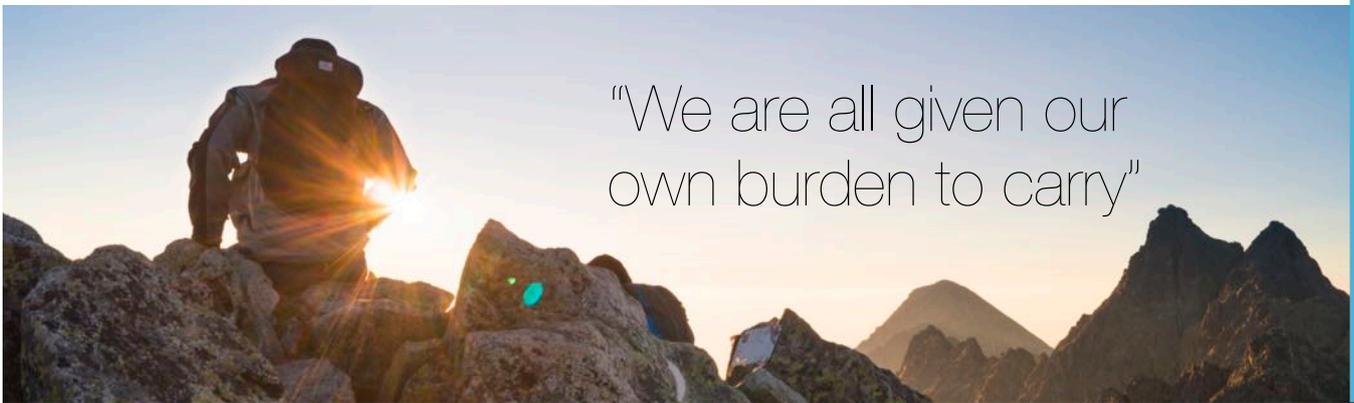
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<sup>4-5</sup> Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.  
Galatians 6:4-5 (The Message)

us. People get frustrated and disappointed when we don't rally to their specific call. But we are not meant to carry it all.  
Thank the Lord that He does not expect us to.

Stick to what you're anointed to do!

We all need to pray, while some are called to a lifestyle of prayer. Others are out in the field, teaching people farming or how to grow in their marriage, or impacting politics or business.



"We are all given our own burden to carry"

People pray: "Lord break my heart with what breaks yours."

But that prayer crushes us!

We assume we are able to carry the same burdens that He does. They would kill us.

No, pray: "Lord, break my heart with what my heart needs to be broken with."

For each one of us that will be different.

He will then lay a specific burden on you. It's usually very specific.

I watch as the resolve to meet that need grows inside of that person, and for many it then becomes this raging inferno in their hearts. So they give themselves selflessly to a cause that truly does break the Father's heart, but one of millions of things that does.

Too often, we expect everyone to give up what they are burning with, to come and burn with

To say that Syria is not my problem is to be an ostrich with its head in the sand. The world is too small for us to divorce ourselves from what is going on elsewhere, but to carry the burden of it all will destroy us.

So what has the Lord burdened you with? And have you allowed your heart to be broken for that specific need?

Oswald Chambers said: "We must distinguish between the burden-bearing that is right and the burden-bearing that is wrong. We ought never to bear the burden of sin or of doubt, but there are burdens placed on us by God which He does not intend to lift off..."

How are we to carry those?

Well, He wants us to cast those burdens back on Him, so that together with Him, we can carry them.

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the Lord,  
and he will sustain you; (Psalm 55:22 ESV)

“Many workers have gone out with high courage and fine impulses, but with no intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ, and before long they are crushed. They do not know what to do with the burden, it produces weariness, and people say— ‘What an embittered end to such a beginning!’ (My Utmost for His Highest)

When God needs a job done, he will always find someone to fulfill it.

When someone cries out to the Lord,  
someone else receives a burden:

<sup>9</sup> ...the cry of the people of Israel has come to me...<sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you...  
Exodus 3:9–10 (ESV)

But make certain you find the right job and  
shoulder the right burden!  
You cannot carry it all.

Jesus says: “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, ...and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Matthew 11:30 NLT

Put in language we probably understand best:

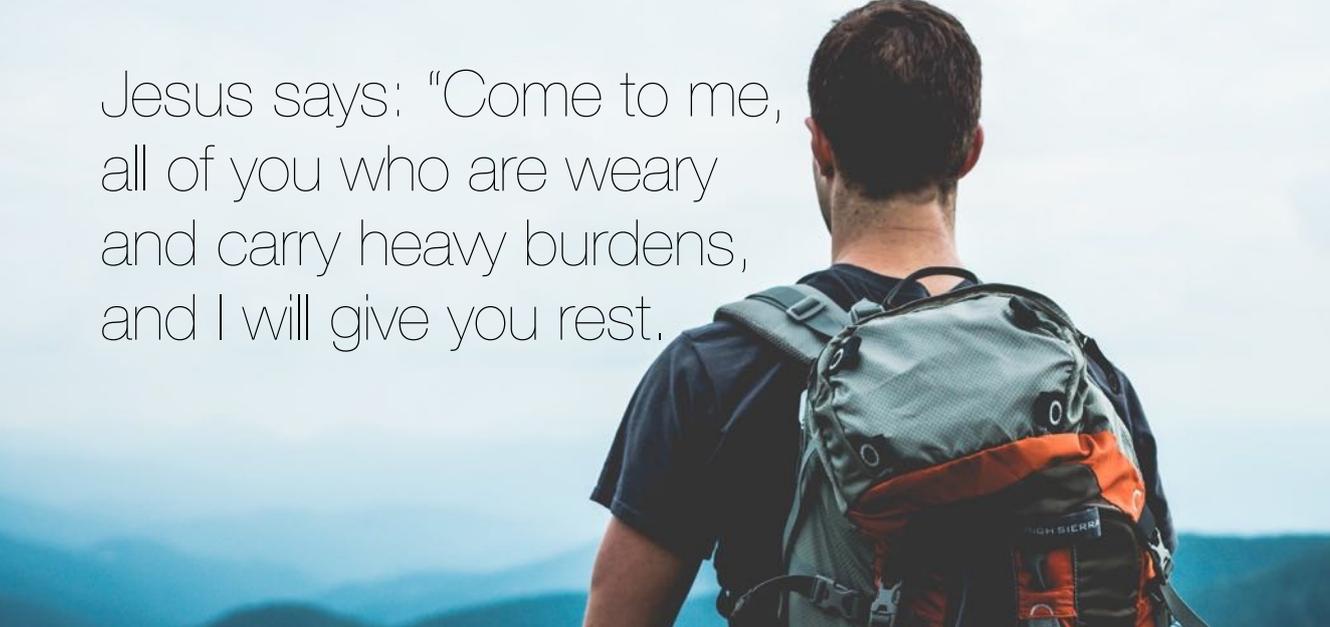
<sup>28–30</sup> “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28–30 (The Message)

There is a yoke that has been designed for you. It fits well and it will not crush you. Allow Him to lay it on your shoulders. It’s the burden He chose and designed specifically for you, so you can be about your Father’s business.

And then keep praying: “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20 (ESV)

*John Scholtz*



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## NAVIGATING THROUGH POLITICAL UPHEAVAL! (2)

### Let Hope Arise

Since the last “clip”, this USA Presidential election is continuing to be the most unusual of all time. Australia has been to the polls, and after a major swing to the left it seems that the current PM will remain in power, without a clear mandate, technically making him the 6<sup>th</sup> PM in 6 years. Great Britain is now living through the beginnings of BREXIT with much political fallout. We are witnessing an increase of the “impact thought” we shared last time.

### Politics polarize while the Kingdom unifies without compromise.

A truth that has helped to sustain us during our ministry years was confirmed to me in April while watching a movie in flight to South Africa.

### You can have hope without Faith but cannot have Faith without Hope.

We pray that hope will rise within you as you reason earthly events from a Kingdom of Heaven world view. This will give you the foundation to live by Faith.

Until next time

*Tony & Marilyn Fitzgerald*



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GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.  
2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

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Dear Friends,

What a joy to invite you to the COTN Leadershift conference hosted by Lifeconnection Church in Calgary, Canada. Like all the other times at Leadershift, we trust that this will be yet another time of growth, encouragement and friendship.

The theme is “MATURING INTO HIS IMAGE” as a leader. We live in a time where mature Kingdom leadership is essential. It is the day of the Kingdom, and there must be mature men and women to lead Gods’ people with humility and confidence. There are so many challenges and questions in the hearts of people in all spheres of society, and they are looking for mature leaders to direct them in the Kingdom and to the King.

In Corinthians Paul writes that we are changed through beholding Jesus, not by doing anything. May we behold Him together at this time, become more like Him, and then lead more like Him.

We, as Apostolic Council, trust with you for your breakthrough and encounters that will lead to surprises, suddenly and supernaturally! May you experience a shift in the spirit.

Advancing His Kingdom,

*Louis Els*

(on behalf of the COTN Apostolic Council)

## COTN 2016 EVENTS

### COTN DAY OF PRAYER

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