

Introduction:

- Ro 12:15 **Weep with those who weep.**
- Gal. 6:2 **Bear one another's burdens.**
- This is what we are called to do. But we are not just to carry them but to carry them away.
 - one involves sharing a load
 - the involves carrying it away

1. Carry the Burden Away

a. Two words used in these passages are: Gr. anechomai and bastazo.

i. Anechomai – to sustain, bear or hold up against a thing.

1. Ie. A stake beside a tomato plant, a stake under a citrus tree branch loaded with fruit.

2. Col 3:13 and Eph 4:2 is not saying “put up with one another” He is saying stake yourselves to one another. We are to come along side each other and hold each other up.

3. IE. “Jackie Robinson was the first black to play major league baseball. While breaking baseballs color barrier, he faced jeering crowds in every stadium. While playing one day in his home stadium in Brooklyn, he committed an error. His own fans began to ridicule him. He stood at second base, humiliated, while the fans jeered. Then shortstop “PeeWee” Reese came over and stood next to him. He put his arm around Jackie and faced the crowd. The fans grew quiet. Robinson later said that arm around his shoulder saved his career.”

ii. Bastazo – meaning to bear, lift or carry; to carry it away or remove it.

1. It is used in Roman 12:15 and Gal. 6:2.

2. Jesus performed both these words his “bearing” for us. And we have already established that His intercession was not a prayer for us but a work He did.

a. Our sins were laid upon him Is 53:6,12

i. Is 53:6,12 *All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord (laid on) him the sins of us all. ...he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and (interceded) for rebels.*

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b. ***And he carried them away

3. Is. 53:6,12 - Paga is used twice:

a. laid on

b. intercession

c. Both refer to our sins being placed on him.

i. The NT speaks this way: 2 Cor 5:21 *He made him to be sin on our behalf...*

ii. Ps. 103:12 Christ carried our sins away as far as east is from the west. The Heb. Word is ‘nasa’ meaning to bear away. It is synonymous with bastazo.

d. It is imperative to know that we don't simply carry someones burden. We stake ourselves to the person and carry the burden away helping them get rid of it.

a. Scapegoat. One Day of Atonement...

i. One gets sacrificed...for sin

ii. The other gets the wilderness/or carries the burden of sin away.

2. How does this work?

a. We are the extension of his intercessory ministry. He does the work, we do the praying.

b. We are simply re-presenting Christ!

c. Roman 15:1-3 and Gal. 6:2

d. ‘Bear’ in both of these verses is means lift or carry—conveying the idea of carrying away. Therefore we are not just to bear one another's burdens but we are to carry them away by implementing Christ's priestly ministry of intercession.

- i. We are not redoing what Christ has done we are re-presenting him. Big diff b/w the two.
 1. He is balm of Gilead we apply the salve.
 2. He is the fountain of life we dispense the water
 3. He inaugurated the new covenant but he made us able bodied ministers.
- ii. Sometimes the covenant of the Lord is released to you, through others coming to your aid. God administers the blessing of the Covenant through us.
 1. Paga: He “lays on” us someone else’s need.
 2. Anechomia: We “stake” ourselves to that person.
 3. Bastazo: We carry away the weakness or burden.

3. We Are the Enforcers!

- a. Joshua 10:22-27 Joshua helps the Gibeonites because he was deceived into making covenant with them.
 - i. Col. 2:15 Jesus makes a spectacle of rulers and authorities. *In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.* NLT
 - ii. Note what Joshua does: Rather he put his foot on the neck of the defeated kings his has his officers do this.
 1. Eph. 2:6 says He raised us up with him. Therefore saying it is not his victory but ours! What I have done you must enforce.
 2. Ro 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan underneath your feet
 3. Luke 10:19 I have given you authority to tread upon.... Sometimes the “laying on” requires treading on.
- b. In other words, at times when Christ lays a prayer mission or burden on us (paga) that we might bear it away (nasa, bastazo), the task involves warfare. You can’t separate the word intercession (paga) from the concept of warfare.
 - i. Josh 1:3 *Every place on which the souls of your feet tread I have given you.* SO was God giving or were they taking? Both! Tread in Joshua 1:3 is darak- which meant to bend the bow—or in our language today “load your weapons”.
 - ii. God had already set the perimeters of the inheritance. He was symbolically saying “Every place you are willing to load your weapons and take, I going to give to you.”
 - iii. So was God giving or they taking? YES!
 - iv. It is the same for us today. They are a type or shadow in Joshua. We have to work the same principals of faith!