

CONTINUE TO HELP PEOPLE TO CARRY THEIR CROSS

5/16/20

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a sermon
 - * Two weeks ago -- Who's Looking Out for You?
 - * Last week -- Looking Out For Other People
 - * In the conclusion of last week's sermon -- I discussed the concept of helping people to carry their cross -- I mentioned that I gave a sermon on 8/4/2012 titled "Are You Helping Other People Carry Their Cross?"
 - * Today -- Continue to Help People to Carry Their Cross
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*LUKE 14:27

* Disciples Are Taught to Carry Their Cross

Luke 14:26-33 Son of God speaking
26 if a person does not put the Son of God before family
 -- "he cannot be My disciple"
27 "whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me
 cannot be My disciple"

Moffatt Translation -- "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me, he cannot be a disciple of mine"

Revised Standard Version -- "whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple"

New American Standard Bible -- "whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple"

The New Testament From 26 Translations

The New Testament: An American Translation (Edgar Goodspeed)
-- "take up his own cross"

The New Testament: A Translation in the Language of the People
(Charles Williams) -- "persevere in carrying"

The Four Gospels (E.V. Rieu) -- "shoulder his cross"

Luke 14:28-30 intending to build a tower -- count the cost --
 whether you have enough to finish it -- if
 you lay the foundation and are not able to
 finish it, you could be mocked
31-32 if a king goes to war against another king,
doesn't he consider if his 10,000 men can defeat his 20,000? -- if
facts are not in his favor, he seeks a peaceful solution
33 "likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that
 he has cannot be My disciple"

* Not blaming other people

Gen. 3:12 the man said -- "the woman whom You gave to me"
13 the woman said -- "the serpent deceived me"

Exod. 32:22 Aaron said -- you know the people that they are
 set on evil
 24 Aaron said -- so they gave it to me and I cast
 it into the fire, and this calf came out

* Disciples can ask for help

Matt. 26:42 the Son of God asked for help from the Father
Acts 16:3 Paul wanted to have Timothy to go with him

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* LUKE 23:26

*Disciples help other people carry their cross

Luke 23:26 Simon helped the Son of God
Matt. 25:40 "to one of the least of these My brethren"
Matt. 4:1-11 learn from the 3 temptations
 3 "if you be the Son of God"
 6 "if you be the Son of God"
 9 "fall down and worship Me"
Acts 9:22 in Damascus, Saul increased in strength
 23 the Jews plotted to kill Saul
 24 Saul learned of their plot -- they watched the
 gates day and night
 25 the disciples let him down the wall in a large
 basket
 26 the disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Saul
 27 Barnabas took Saul to the apostles
Rom. 16:1-2 Phoebe
 3-5 Priscilla and Aquila

* Time -- Prayer
* Time -- Building a relationship
* Time -- Helping with a physical project
* Time -- Listening
* Hearing Their Perspective -- (even if not agreeing)
* Understanding Their Perspective -- (even if not agreeing)
* Helping -- as a bond of friendship
* Helping -- with an obstacle or challenge
* Helping -- with a crisis
* Guidance -- when invited
* Unsolicited advice -- rarely
* Money -- primarily for a need
* Money -- sporadically for a desire -- (for encouragement)

Heb. 6:10 God is not unjust to forget your work and labor
 of love -- which you have shown toward His
 name -- in that you have served the saints
 -- and you still serve the saints

* Friends -- You have helped many people to carry their cross

* Please -- Continue to help people to carry their cross