**Grace in the Family, part 3 - Carry each other’s burdens – Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**How long did you live at home with your parents? (or) How long are you planning to live at home? (or) Do you enjoy having your adult children at home?**

**What factors might affect the percentage of young adults living at home with parents today? (**Acc. to the 2016 census, 35% of young adults aged 20-34 year olds still live at home with their parents. In cities like Toronto, where housing costs are extremely high, that number is 50%!)

**Share a time when someone had to care for you for an extended period of time.**

**BOOK/LOOK**

**Read Galatians 6:1- 5.**

**How do you reconcile the seemingly contradictory things said in Gal. 6:2 and 6:5?**

**The context of 6:1 indicates that carrying each other’s burdens also involves helping others with sin problems in their lives. Do you have any experience in helping others with addictions?**

**Read Deut. 1:30,31. How is carrying each other’s burdens godlike?**

**Read Mark 2:1-12.**

**If the 4 friends hadn’t been creative, do you think their friend would have been healed?**

**On the basis of whose faith did Jesus heal the paralyzed man (Mark 2:5)?** (“seeing their faith” – that is, the faith of the friends, not the man who was sick).

**Read Job 2:11-13.**

**How is just showing up and being present a way to carry each other’s burdens?**

**Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10.**

**Why didn’t God take away the thorn in Paul’s flesh?** (To keep him from being conceited and stay dependent on Christ. God was more interested in Paul’s spiritual character than in healing him.)

**TOOK**

**What’s the heaviest burden you are carrying these days (personally or in your family)? Are you feeling weak or strong enough to carry anything life throws at you?**

**What would it look like if you extended more grace in your family? Draw a picture with words (or pen and paper)**

**How is prayer a way to carry other’s burdens?** (praying for one another is a way to understand the burdens of others and carrying those burdens to God.) **How can we better carry each other’s burdens in this group? (**Pray for each other!...) **Who do we need to carry to Jesus to see them saved or healed?**