

**TRANSFORMATION  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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**THE MESSAGE**

JAMES 1:22

"..DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.  
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."

A powerful  
African Proverb

**“If you want to  
go fast, go  
alone. If you  
want to go far,  
go together.”**



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Part 10 – Galatians 6:1-18

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS



**Paul has to confront about the practise of their faith.**

## **The Issue:**

- Outside teachers insisted that converts adopt Jewish customs and religious rules—especially circumcision—to be fully accepted by God.
- Paul counters that the gospel of grace ***alone*** is enough for forgiveness.

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**WE ARE STRONGER  
TOGETHER WHEN WE  
RESTORE OTHERS GENTLY**

**(GALATIANS 6:1-5)**

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# WHY DOES IT MATTER TO YOU?



Because the Gospel is a relationship of restoration:

- Matt 11:28-30
- Matt 12:20
- 2 Cor 5:21

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**"Restore"** (Greek: katartizō) implies mending (like mend a net) or setting right (like a broken bone) requiring firm yet careful action.



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# WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- We are all equally capable of being tempted and falling.
- (Romans 3:23, Proverbs 24:16 –*The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.*)
- The goal is to lift up those trapped by sins rather than gossiping about them or feeling superior.
- It must be done in gentleness, which is a fruit of the Spirit, reflecting Christ’s character.
- Gift of Shepherding in TCC– Rugby referee “Use it “

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# Personal Responsibility and Corporate Care (6:5) – A contradiction?

“for each one should carry their own load.”

“**Burdens**” (barē) =  
heavy, crushing loads

v's

“**Load**” (phortion) =  
normal backpack.

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- The Greek word translated “load” in Galatians 6:5 is *phortion*, which refers to an individual burden that is **NOT** transferable.
- We each have certain obligations for which we alone are responsible.  
for our families (1 Timothy 5:8),  
our churches (1 Corinthians 12:18),  
and our personal holiness (1 Peter 1:15–16).
- Helping others does not cancel personal accountability (Romans 14:12).

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# Personal Responsibility:

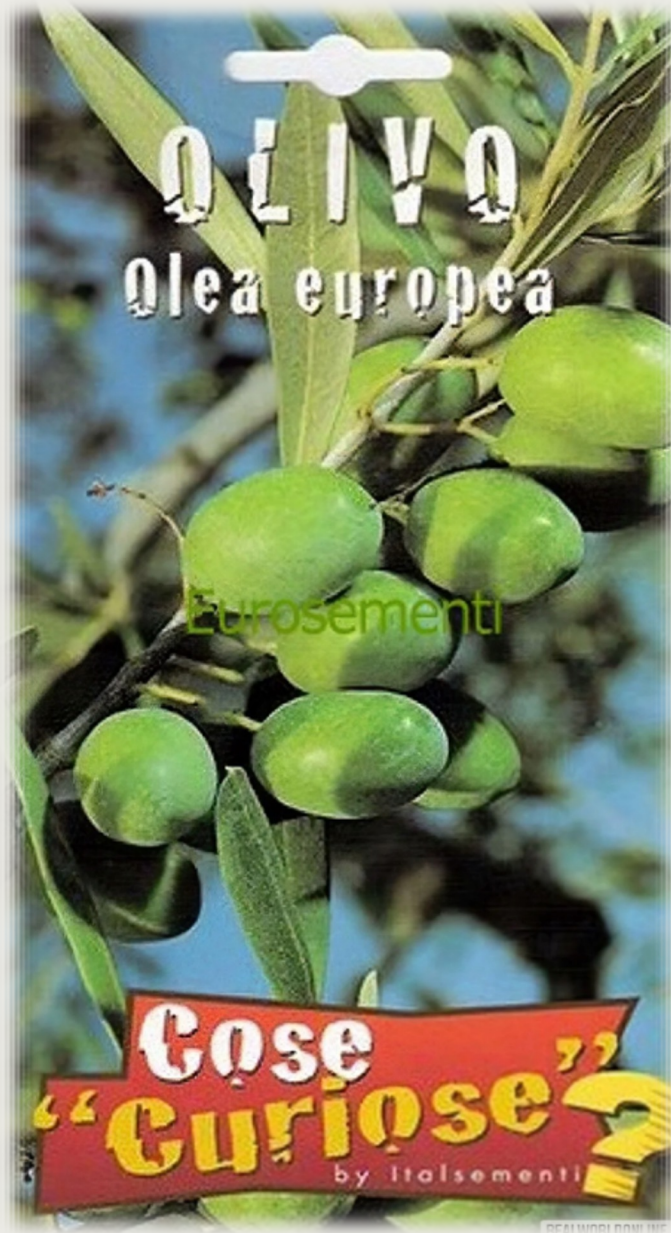
- We are each responsible before God for our attitudes, our actions, the gifts and resources He has entrusted to us (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- We cannot blame others, shift responsibility, or make excuses about why we were unfaithful with the assignments we've been given—we must bear our own loads.
- **Galatians 4:16** *“Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?”*



**WE ARE STRONGER  
TOGETHER WHEN WE SOW  
TO THE SPIRIT, NOT THE  
SINFUL NATURE  
(Galatians 6:7-10)**

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*Whatever a man  
sows, he  
will reap in return  
(Galatians 6:7)*

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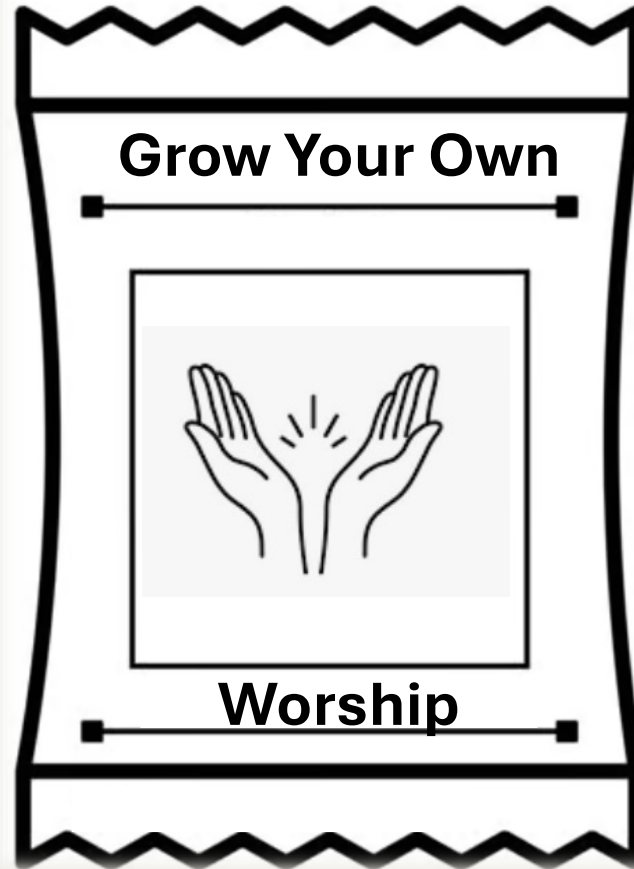
# Sowing to the Sinful Nature



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# Sowing to the Spirit Nature



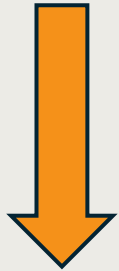
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**Flesh-planting**



**Self-Centered  
Choices**



**Harvest of Decay**

**Spirit-planting**



**God-Centered  
Choices**



**Harvest of life  
that never ends**

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*“So let's not get tired of doing what is good.  
At just the right time we will reap a harvest of  
blessing if we don't give up”*

*Galatians 6:9*

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**WE ARE STRONGER  
TOGETHER WHEN WE BOAST  
ONLY IN THE CROSS OF  
CHRIST**

**(Galatians 6:12-16)**

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# The Contrast:

## Not circumcision but the new creation

(Galatians 6:15)

- Paul contrasts his approach with those who force legalistic rules (like circumcision) to make a good showing outwardly to avoid persecution.
- Some demand circumcision and brag about converts (today we might say likes, followers, retweets)

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# Legalistic Rules in modern day spirituality:

Some commonly discussed patterns or criticisms have recurring themes:

- **Strong behavioural codes that drift into legalism**
- **Authority of charismatic leaders in some cases**
- **Performance-based spirituality**





Boasting in the cross means that our identity, worth, and hope are anchored entirely in Jesus' finished work—not in personal accomplishments, rituals, or superiority, titles, positions even ministry positions!

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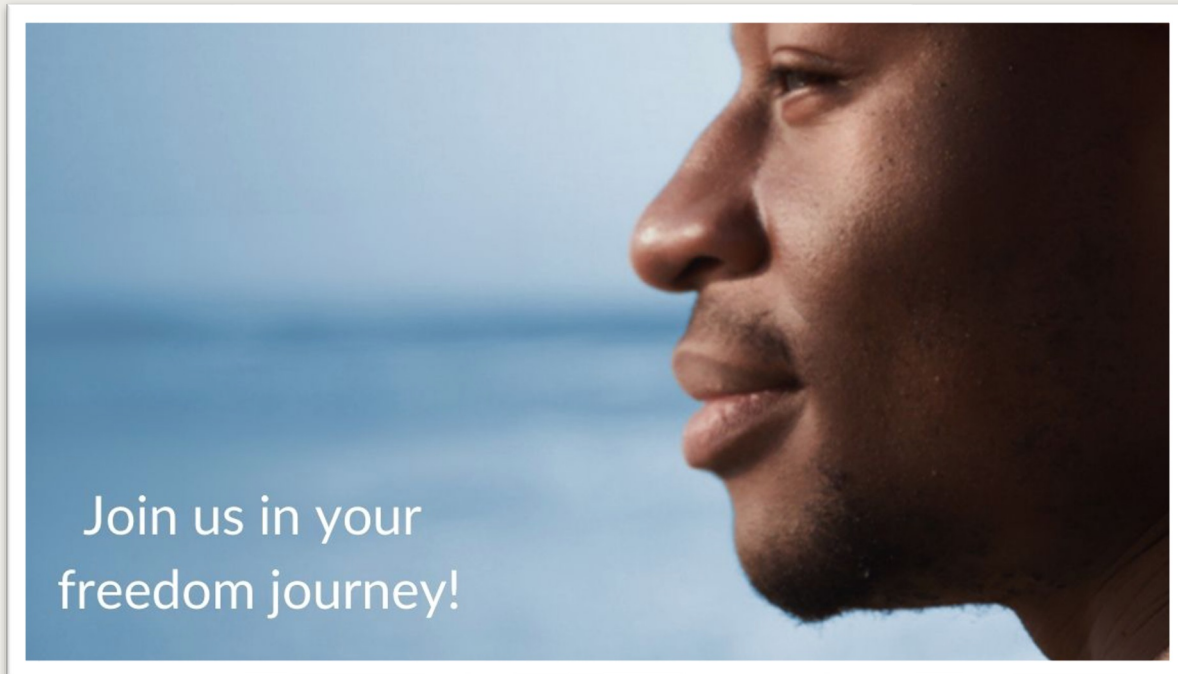
# IDENTITY BASED RELATIONSHIP & MINISTRY

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Grace Course  
Prayer Morning

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Father Heart of God  
teaching & prayer ministry

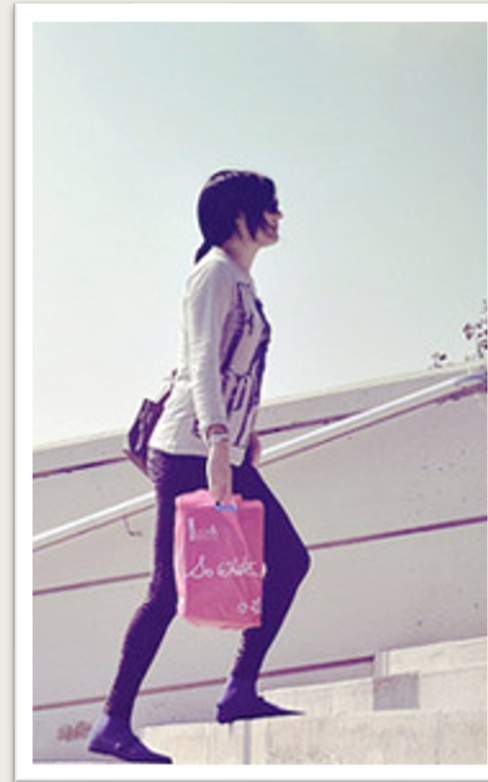


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# CONCLUSION:

What's the next step for you?



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# GOD LOVES YOU...

...and has a plan for your life.

The Bible says, *“God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.”* John 3:16.

He even gives you this promise in the Bible: *“For I know the plans I have for you,”* says the Lord, *“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”* (Jeremiah 29:11)



**SCAN ME  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**



What does it mean to be set free in the freedom of grace?

- **One Gospel** – that you respond in loving obedience
- **One Grace** - that you receive & give to others
- **One Mission** – that you embrace in unity for **God's kingdom**

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