



## Lies We Believe

**I am not my brother's  
keeper.**



**“God, please protect me from  
your followers.”**



**My only spiritual responsibility  
is to myself.**





## **Genesis 4:9 (ESV)**

**Then the LORD said to Cain,  
“Where is Abel your brother?”  
He said, “I do not know; am I my  
brother’s keeper?”**



**I'm not my brother's keeper.**



# Care

- *We care for one another in times of hardship.*







## **2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)**

**Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of mercies and God of all  
comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all  
our affliction, so that we may be  
able to comfort those who are in  
any affliction, with the comfort**



## **2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup>with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**







# Care

- We care for one another in times of hardship.
- *We care for one another through service to each other.*



## **Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)**

**For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many**



## **Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup>members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.**

**<sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy,**





## **Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)**

**<sup>6</sup>in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy,**



**Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)**

**<sup>8</sup>with cheerfulness.**



# Care

- We care for one another in times of hardship.
- We care for one another through service to each other.
- *We care for one another in times of sin.*





## **Galatians 5:25-6:2 (ESV)**

**If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.**

**<sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a**



## **Galatians 5:25-6:2 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup>spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**





# Care

- We care for one another in times of sin.
- *We care for one another if someone feels we have harmed them.*





## **Matthew 5:23-24 (ESV)**

**So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**



# Care

- We care for one another if someone feels we have harmed them.
- *We care for one another to the extent that we dis-fellowship in rare cases of significant, unrepentant sin.*



## **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)**

**I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— <sup>10</sup>not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.**





## **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)**

**<sup>11</sup>But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.**



## **1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)**

**<sup>12</sup>For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? <sup>13</sup>God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”**



## **Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

**<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe come upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.**





## **Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

**<sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**



## **Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

**<sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,**



## **Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

**<sup>46</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved**





**Gospel-centered: The story of the Bible is the gospel - God's amazing plan to restore all things to himself. The gospel is the 'good news' that God has graciously provided a way for sinful people to have a right, loving relationship with Him. Jesus is the way: He left heaven, came to earth, lived a perfect life, and died in our place.**



**Miraculously He rose from the dead to demonstrate victory over sin, death, and the devil. Through the sacrificial death of Jesus, all who turn from their sin and confess Jesus as their Lord are given eternal life. This happens in an instant, yet God's work in a person does not stop there. The on-going aspect of salvation will continue for the rest of a person's life; therefore, the gospel is for every day.**



**Transformation-minded: The Christian life is a life of grace-driven, progressive holiness. Followers of Jesus are on a path of being supernaturally changed by God in order to live in increasingly Christlike ways. Real change is possible and even promised. Our character ought to more and more frequently and robustly reflect the life of Jesus.**





**Devoted to each other: As a local church, being an interconnected, interdependent family of believers, we pursue genuine Christian living together. This can be a reality because the gospel affects not just our relationship with God but also our relationships with people: people who know Jesus can be in harmony with others who know Jesus. We are literally brothers and sisters in Christ who need and rely on one another.**