
MESSAGE SUMMARY

Life is full of gaps between what you hope for and what you experience, between planting a seed and seeing the harvest, and between your faith and your circumstances. In Galatians 6:1–10, Paul shows you how God’s grace meets you in three important gaps: brokenness, intentions, and weariness. Grace changes what you carry by helping you restore others and bear burdens together, what you cultivate by calling you to sow to the Spirit, and how you continue by giving you strength to keep doing good. Your responsibility is faithful obedience, while the outcome and harvest ultimately belong to God. When you stand in the gap with grace, faithfulness, and perseverance, God is transforming you into the person He has called you to be...like Jesus!

MAIN POINTS

- 1. The Gap of Brokenness — Grace changes what you carry (Galatians 6:1–5; Galatians 5:14; Galatians 2:20).** When someone falls into sin, you should seek restoration, not condemnation. You should restore others with gentleness, humility, and self-awareness, remembering that you also are vulnerable to temptation. You are called to bear one another’s burdens, while still taking responsibility for your own “load.” Christian community is not independence or unhealthy dependence; it is interdependence: you need others, and others need you. **Ask yourself:** Whose burden can you help carry this week?
- 2. The Gap of Intentions — Grace changes what you cultivate (Galatians 6:6–8; 2 Corinthians 3:17–18).** Good intentions do not produce a harvest; what you sow does. Your time, attention, money, relationships, words, and choices are all seeds you are planting. If you continually sow to the flesh, you should not expect a harvest of spiritual maturity. As you sow to the Spirit, God works through His grace to transform you into the likeness of Christ. **Ask yourself:** What is one seed you need to change or cultivate this week?
- 3. The Gap of Weariness — Grace changes how you continue (Galatians 6:9–10; Titus 2:11–14).** You may become tired while doing what is right, but weariness is not a reason to quit. Waiting is part of faith; a delayed harvest does not mean the seed is dead. Your responsibility is obedience; the outcome belongs to God. When God gives you an opportunity, continue doing good especially toward fellow believers. **Ask yourself:** What is one good thing God is calling you to keep doing even though you are tired of it?

Big Idea: God’s grace meets you in the gap.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What does Galatians 6:1 teach you about how Christians should respond when another believer falls into sin?** *Possible answer:* You should pursue restoration rather than condemnation, approaching the person gently and humbly while watching your own heart for temptation (Galatians 6:1; James 5:19–20).
- 2. What does “whatever one sows, that will he also reap” teach you about spiritual growth?** *Possible answer:* Your daily choices matter. You cannot continually sow to the flesh and expect spiritual fruit; you should intentionally sow to the Spirit and trust God to produce the harvest (Galatians 6:7–8; Romans 8:5–6).
- 3. If someone examined how you spend your time, money, attention, and energy, what kind of harvest would they expect you to produce?** *Possible answer:* My schedule and habits reveal what I truly value, so I need to identify one area where I am sowing to the flesh and intentionally begin sowing to the Spirit (Galatians 6:7–8; Matthew 6:21).
- 4. Where are you most tempted to give up because you are not seeing results? How can you remain faithful while trusting God with the outcome?** *Possible answer:* I can continue obeying God even when I cannot see immediate results, remembering that He promises a harvest in His timing and that faithfulness is my responsibility (Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

GOSPEL CONNECTION

The greatest gap is the separation between sinful humanity and a holy God. You cannot close that gap through good intentions, religious activity, or trying harder. Jesus Christ came to do what you could never do; He lived the righteous life you could not live, died for your sins, and rose again so that you could be reconciled to God. If you have never trusted Christ, turn from your sin and repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation. If you already belong to Christ, continue to repent and believe turning from sin, trusting Christ’s finished work, and depending on His grace rather than your own strength. Stand in the gap. Carry what God calls you to carry, cultivate what He calls you to cultivate, and continue faithfully while trusting Him with the harvest.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY — Carry the Burden

Key Verse: “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Reflection: You were never meant to walk through every struggle alone. God calls you to receive help when life is heavy and to willingly come alongside others when they are hurting, struggling, or overwhelmed. Grace does not stand above broken people and judge them; grace stands beside them and helps carry the burden.

Application Question: Who is carrying a burden that God may be calling you to help carry this week? *Possible Answer:* I can intentionally reach out to someone who is struggling, listen to them, pray with them, and offer practical help instead of simply telling them that I will pray for them.

Prayer Response: Lord, help me see the people around me who are hurting or struggling. Help me to be your instrument to restore gently and reflect the grace You have shown me through Jesus, in His name, Amen.

TUESDAY — Examine Your Own Walk

Key Verse: “But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.” (Galatians 6:4)

Reflection: Grace frees you from the need to compare your spiritual life with someone else’s. Instead of measuring yourself against others, God calls you to honestly examine your own walk, take responsibility for your choices, and allow Him to continue transforming you. Spiritual growth happens when you start asking, “Am I faithfully following Jesus?”

Application Question: What area of your spiritual life do you need to honestly examine rather than compare yourself with someone else? *Possible Answer:* I need to examine my consistency in prayer and Scripture rather than comparing my spiritual growth with someone who seems more mature. I can ask God to show me one practical step of obedience and faithfully take it.

Prayer Response: Lord, keep me from pride, comparison, and excuses, and give me humility to recognize where I need to grow. Help me faithfully obey You and trust Your grace to continue transforming my life, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

WEDNESDAY — Cultivate the Right Seeds

Key Verse: “For whatever one sows, that will he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

Reflection: Every day, you are planting seeds through your thoughts, choices, time, relationships, money, words, and habits. Good intentions alone cannot produce a spiritual harvest; you must intentionally sow seeds that honor God. When you sow to the Spirit, you are trusting God to use your daily obedience to produce lasting spiritual fruit.

Application Question: What is one area of your life where you need to replace a seed that feeds the flesh with one that feeds your relationship with God? *Possible Answer:* I need to replace some of the time I spend on distractions or unhealthy entertainment with time in Scripture, prayer, worship, or meaningful relationships.

Prayer Response: Father, help me recognize where I am sowing to the flesh and give me the strength to sow to the Spirit. Transform my desires so that my life produces fruit that honors You, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

THURSDAY — Don’t Give Up

Key Verse: “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

Reflection: Sometimes you can faithfully pray, serve, give, encourage, and obey God without seeing the results you hoped for. But a delayed harvest does not mean the seed is dead. God calls you to remain faithful, trusting that He is working even when you cannot see what He is doing.

Application Question: Where are you most tempted to give up because you have not yet seen the results you hoped for? *Possible Answer:* I am tempted to give up in an area where I have been faithfully praying or serving without seeing much change. Instead of focusing on the results, I will continue doing what God has called me to do and trust Him with the timing and the harvest.

Prayer Response: Lord, help me remember that You see every act of faithfulness, even when I cannot see the harvest. Give me strength to keep doing what is good, patience to wait for Your timing, and faith to trust You with the results, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

FRIDAY — Stand in the Gap

Key Verse: “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

Reflection: You may not be able to fix every problem or see every harvest, but you can be faithful today. When someone is broken, carry; when your actions do not match your intentions, cultivate; and when you are weary, continue. God is working through your faithfulness, and He calls you to trust Him with what you cannot control.

Application Question: What is one specific thing you will carry, cultivate, or continue this week because you believe God is calling you to stand in the gap? *Possible Answer:* I will choose one person to encourage, one spiritual habit to cultivate, or one good work I have been tempted to abandon, and I will faithfully take the next step God has placed in front of me.

Prayer Response: Father, help me carry what You have called me to carry, cultivate what You have entrusted to me, and continue when I become weary, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.