

Daily Morning Message
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Lectionary Readings *Psalm 34:1-8*
 2 Samuel 17:15-29
 Galatians 6:1-10

Today's Scripture Verse: *My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

What it means: What is the right thing for Christians to do when we see one of our members doing something wrong? The guidance Paul gives is that we first bear the other's burden: we seek to understand their needs and motives, put ourselves in their place, and then seek from a position of empathy to bring them back into more ethical practice.

Our time of reflection: Forgive, God, any impulse within us that leads us to judge others without seeking first to understand the burdens they may be bearing.

