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A Simple Man

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“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Jesus had been beat on, ridiculed, spat upon, mocked and was flogged prior to the carrying out of His sentence to be crucified. Jesus, weary and worn from the torture, couldn't finish the task that would save the world. His body was too weak to fulfill the monumental sacrifice. As they led Him away to be crucified they saw a man, a simple man, walking along, minding his own business, and they compelled him to carry Jesus' cross. Well, moreover they demanded that he carry the cross.

His name was Simon. He was a Cyrenian; Alexander and Rufus' father. You see, Cyrene is in Africa, which is quite a distance for a man to travel in those days. It says in the Bible he was coming out of the country. So we probably can surmise he just got to Jerusalem. He didn't just wonder to Jerusalem, obviously he purposed to be there.

One innocent bystander ordered to carry our God's cross. A simple man named Simon.

So, why him? Why was the fact that Simon carried Jesus' cross such a big deal? Why put Simon's name in the Bible? Was he just someone who carried Jesus' cross? Was he some nobody doing something that didn't matter much? No. God had a plan from the beginning. Everything Jesus had done, or not done always has a reason.

We, too, are told to carry our cross. Jesus knew from the beginning that we could never carry it alone. In life, we deal with a variety of situations and issues; hard times that would burden us down. Just as Simon helped Jesus, we too need to help one another. I am there for you and you are there for me.

When life can be too much to bear, we are there for each other. Scripture tells us to pray for one another, love one another, teach one another, support one another, take care of one another. We don't have to wait to be told by our Pastor. You see someone in need, be moved by compassion to help them. Pray for them, help them carry their cross; their burden.

So how can we carry Jesus' cross for Him? Care for each other, pray for one another, intercede in our prayers for each other, give of ourselves, nurture those, teach others, have compassion upon our fellow man, uplift our brethren, sympathize, empathize, use wisdom, use knowledge, use understanding etc. . . do these things for others. Not to be noticed, but by the simple fact that we all need help.

It's up to you, will you help carry Jesus' cross?





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"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." Matthew 27:27
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