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The Power of “Witness”

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

Of all of the gifts my strong-willed blessing of a daughter, Dylan, would ask Santa for, it just had to be the Power Pony. You read that right. The. Power. Pony.

This wasn’t just a stationary rocking horse. This was a hoverboard-3000 horse, giving riders the chance to sit and ride a hoverboard instead of standing. And, friend, it was fast. And it could spin.

This thing was dangerous, and my daughter, in all of her glory, was the most excited to ride it in our neighborhood. Except I told her to obey one rule: “Do not ride it down the driveway. Safely carry it down the hill, and just go slow.”

You know she didn’t listen.

As I was watching my 1-year-old, my older daughter came zipping down the driveway on her Power Pony. She got to the bottom and started to spin (remember I told you it spins?), and before I could safely secure my toddler and get to her, she flew off, scraping her arm on the ground. Tears everywhere. It was a mess.

As she cried, reaching out to me, I wanted to say, “Didn’t I tell you not to go down that driveway?” But I knew that was not what she needed.

Because when we’re in pain, we don’t long for correction; we deeply desire comfort. Our pain is starving for “witness.” For presence.

“Witness” is actually our opportunity to live a glorious life of fulfilling the law of Christ. We are called to graciously, willingly, safely, and lovingly be with God’s sons and daughters. Especially when they’re in pain.

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God has quite literally called us into this good and faithful work. Galatians 6:2 beckons us toward a life of choosing to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Maybe you’ve been in pain, and someone didn’t show up well. I get that; I really, really do. I’ve seen pain and betrayal and embarrassment. And I’ve seen the goodness of God in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13).

We must get back up again and reclaim God’s plan for us. If you’re not ready yet, that’s OK too. We can let our prayers to a good God be our comfort today as we journey toward “witness.”

Prayer: Father, be with me as my fragile, broken heart journeys back toward Your loving arms and Your loving people. Rebuild the fragments of my heart that feel shattered, and teach me that beauty knows no bounds and can be created from the tiniest of ashes. Be with me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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