

### **Day 3: Monday, June 23**

*“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)*

We live in a world which often considers living a strong, independent life the greatest of virtues. We admire those who stand tall and strong and seem to need nothing from anyone around them. Not only we, as individual followers of Jesus, but the church of Christ exists together, but sometimes markedly separate from one another. Theologian and historian Carl Trueman notes that, for the first time in recorded history, those of us in the modern West participate in communities as autonomous individuals. We’re “together,” but still very separate.

This truth has misshapen the body of Christ into something that the early church would hardly recognize. Because we are seldom rooted in the same soil and growing together into the Body of Christ, we miss the opportunity to encourage and strengthen one another.

There will be times this week when you will see someone who needs a hand, maybe physically or otherwise. Through the active Spirit of Christ in you, you might perceive a need that goes deeper than moving a suitcase. Maybe you’ll have a chance to speak with someone who risks sharing a deeper need. Perhaps you’ll have a chance to pray with someone who is not on the trip with us, but who God has placed in your pathway this week. Let’s agree to be sensitive to these Divine Appointments and “carry each other’s burdens.”

Food for Thought – “Timely good deeds are nicer than afterthoughts.”