



Message Notes
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Caring Enough to Help The Addicted

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"

— Romans 10:14 NLT

Reality of Sin

John said we are not being truthful if we claim to be sinless I John 1: 8,10.
James said we all stumble in many ways James 3:2.
James said sin lies within us James 1:14,21
Paul said we need the full armor of God to stand against the devil Eph. 6:11,13
Peter said if we are committed to God's truth we can overcome sin 2 Peter 1:10; 5-7

Downward Slope:

Sin
Habit
Addiction

How to Help the Addicted:

1. _____ to go unchecked

"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Galatians 5:24-26 NIV)

2. _____ others to health

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:1-2 NIV)

Total Health:

Honoring God
Encouragement through the Scriptures
Accountability
Leading in prayer
Teaching the importance a daily inventory
Helping to foster greater responsibility

3. _____ focus on God's Word

"If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor."
(Galatians 6:3-6 NIV)

Tangible ways to Help the Addicted

Formation of a Celebrate Recovery Ministry
Step forward if you have Experience (*contact: johnp@crossroadsny.org*)
Launch a Drug Awareness Team
Hold a Specific Prayer Meeting

My Next Steps:

- A. Read all of *Galatians 5 & 6*
- B. Memorize Galatians 6:2
- C. Seek to Help support the Recovery Ministry
- D. Return for next week's message