

CrossWalk **notes**

Perfect Partner

Perfect Family

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How do I navigate _____ in my imperfect family and church family?

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²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:15-16, 25, NIV

I see conflict as an _____ for growth or restoration.

I put _____ on the _____.

I speak the truth in love. I go _____ and _____ with the Holy Spirit's power.

² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2, NIV**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28, NIV**

I rest in _____ and his promises. I use His strength to help carry the burdens of _____ and let them help carry _____.

³ 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. **Galatians 6:3-5, NIV**

I'm willing to admit the conflict _____.

whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:8b-10, NIV

Hope! Persevere Always! Never Give Up! Doing life together with family is _____ it.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus carries my burdens and made me part of God's family. Trusting in him I'll help carry the burdens of others and let them help carry mine.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

What are the 2-3 key takeaways you get from these verses about how to address family conflict?

Read:

Galatians 6:2-5

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Describe a time when your family/church family helped carry a burden you had.

What's the danger we can run into when we help carry the burdens of our family/church family?

Read Matthew 11:28. Why is this verse so crucial as we do life together with family?

Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise. Appoint someone to be the secretary of your group and write down any prayer requests. Consider sending out a list of prayers during the week.

Connect:

Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don't know quite as well.

Go to the Church Center app for more information on:

- A New Bible Reading Plan on Relationships
- Check out CrossWalk on Facebook and Instagram
- Check out "Parents Encouraging Parents" and "Mornings with Mommy" on Facebook

Impact Group Questions Perfect Partner – Perfect Family

Getting Started – When you hear the word "family" what are the first three words that come to your mind?

Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, **"What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?"** Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your message notes to class each week to help you remember.

How are the bonds of a family and church family the same? How are they different?

Back to Sunday:

Galatians 6:1, NIV

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Why is it important to view family/church family conflict as an opportunity for growth and restoration?

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