

Doing Good to Our Faith Family

While we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. (Galatians 6:10)

As nurses and midwives, we have been doing a tremendous amount of good during the pandemic: long hours and multiple shifts, too many patients who are very ill, increased time away from family, and others. In Galatians 6:10, Paul instructs us to continue to do good to all people, especially those of the family of faith! I love this reminder. Our priority in doing good is towards our fellow Christians, brothers and sisters of the faith. Some of suggested ways of “doing good” to one another are found in the previous verses:

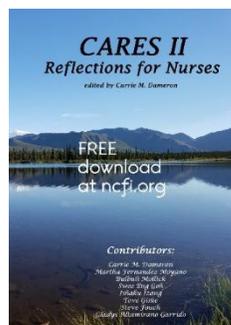
- gently restore someone discovered in sin (verse 1)
- carry one another’s burdens (verse 2)
- don’t compare one’s work with someone else’s (verse 4)
- share personal instruction from the word with others (verse 6)

I would add to Paul’s teachings and say the “doing good” we can all do for our Christian family is prayer. We are living with a prayer crisis for our brothers and sisters of faith in Afghanistan. The world is praying for the Afghan and non-Afghan people who are innocently caught up in a power struggle and political war. But, how many people of the world added to their prayers, specific concerns for the Christian Church? Only fellow believers. Our hearts and spirits ache for our brothers and sisters, who are threatened and persecuted for their faith. Simple things we take for granted: attending worship, fellowshiping with other believers, and owning a Bible.

Yes, we are hurt and devastated by the atrocities to our family members of the faith. However, we can pray longer, harder, and more purposefully. Let’s follow the 1st Century believers who fervently prayed for Peter in prison, knowing the prayer of righteous person has great effectiveness. (Acts 12:5; James 5:16).

Blessings, Carrie

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