

A dandelion seed head is shown in the lower-left quadrant, with several seeds blowing away towards the upper-right. The background is a soft, light green. The text 'GALATIANS' is faintly visible in the background, and the word 'free' is written in white cursive in the foreground.

GALATIANS free

Galatians 5:26 – 6:5

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provoking one another, envying one another.

^{6:1} Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

Pursuing Wholeness

What it is

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Conceited = “empty, ineffective” + “glory/honor/weight”

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Envy

To be discontent

Me < You

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Receiving Wholeness

Matthew 21:8-9

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

1. We are 100% in need of Jesus.
2. We are 100% valued and treasured in Jesus.

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“There but by
the grace of
God goes John
Bradford.”
1551

James 4:10
Humble yourselves
before the Lord, and he
will exalt you.

“Humility isn’t thinking less of yourself,
But thinking of yourself less.”

Receiving Wholeness

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Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my *burden* is light.”

Jesus is inviting us (believers and non-believers) to daily exchange our treadmill pursuit of self-glory for his gift of ultimate eternal glory.

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We are fully complete in the value Christ has given us, now we can all help one another grow into Christ-likeness through humble conviction, repentance and restoration.

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Challenging Others

Out of togetherness, humility and love. Are you challenging for their sake, or yours?

Being Challenged

I need to trust that my value in Jesus is secure, and that you love me and are for me.

Growing Together

“Bear one another's burden” means to help each other bear and grow from a sin.

Living Wholeness, Together

What does this all mean for my real life?

1. We are designed for community. We need each other!
2. Owning my need brings Jesus more glory.
3. Being corrected can bring me joy instead of devastation.
4. I can hear praise without being false-inflated.
5. My relationships can actually be free, honest and hopeful.

The Exchange of Wholeness

Philippians 2:3-11

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:8

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Luke 22

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

