

We all carry heavy burdens—worries about illness, finances, family and friends in a time of pandemic; anxiety about a social order that seems to be unraveling; concerns about racial tensions, unjust racist acts, and racial reconciliation. These burdens seem almost too much to bear. We will dive into the stories of biblical characters like Abraham and Esther to learn about burdens—what they do to us, what they do for us, and how we bear them.

“None of us will be delivered from the world but we shall all be chosen for this world.” Juergen Moltmann

Class Outline:

- Sep 9: Abraham: The Burden of Not Knowing What’s Going On (Genesis 12 – 23, 25:18)
- Sep 16 : Leah: The Burden of Not Being Wanted (Genesis 29)
- Sep 23 : Joseph: The Burden of Forgiveness (Genesis 50)
- Sep 30: Moses: The Burden I Didn’t Ask For (Exodus 3-5)
- Oct 7: David: The Burden of Deep Moral Sin (Psalm 51)
- Oct 14: Esther: The Burden of Being in the Right Place at the Right Time (The Book of Esther)
- Oct 21: Mary: The Burden of Bearing Jesus into the World (Luke 1: 26-38, 46-56)
- Oct 28: Lydia: The Burden of Generosity (Acts 16:11-15)
- Nov 4: St. Paul: The Burden of Weakness (2 Corinthians 4)
- Nov 11: Jesus: The Burden Bearer (Matthew 11:30; 1 Peter 5:7)