



# ROMANS

THE ROAD OF FAITH

# Romans 15:1

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# The Strong have an obligation...

Issues	The Strong	The Weak
Food	Eat all kinds of food	Eat only vegetables
Holy Days	Makes no distinction among days	Value some days more than others
Wine	Drink wine	Abstain from wine

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# **Unity in Christ comes when...**

## **1. The Strong Act Responsible**

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# Romans 1:8

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**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be by my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.**



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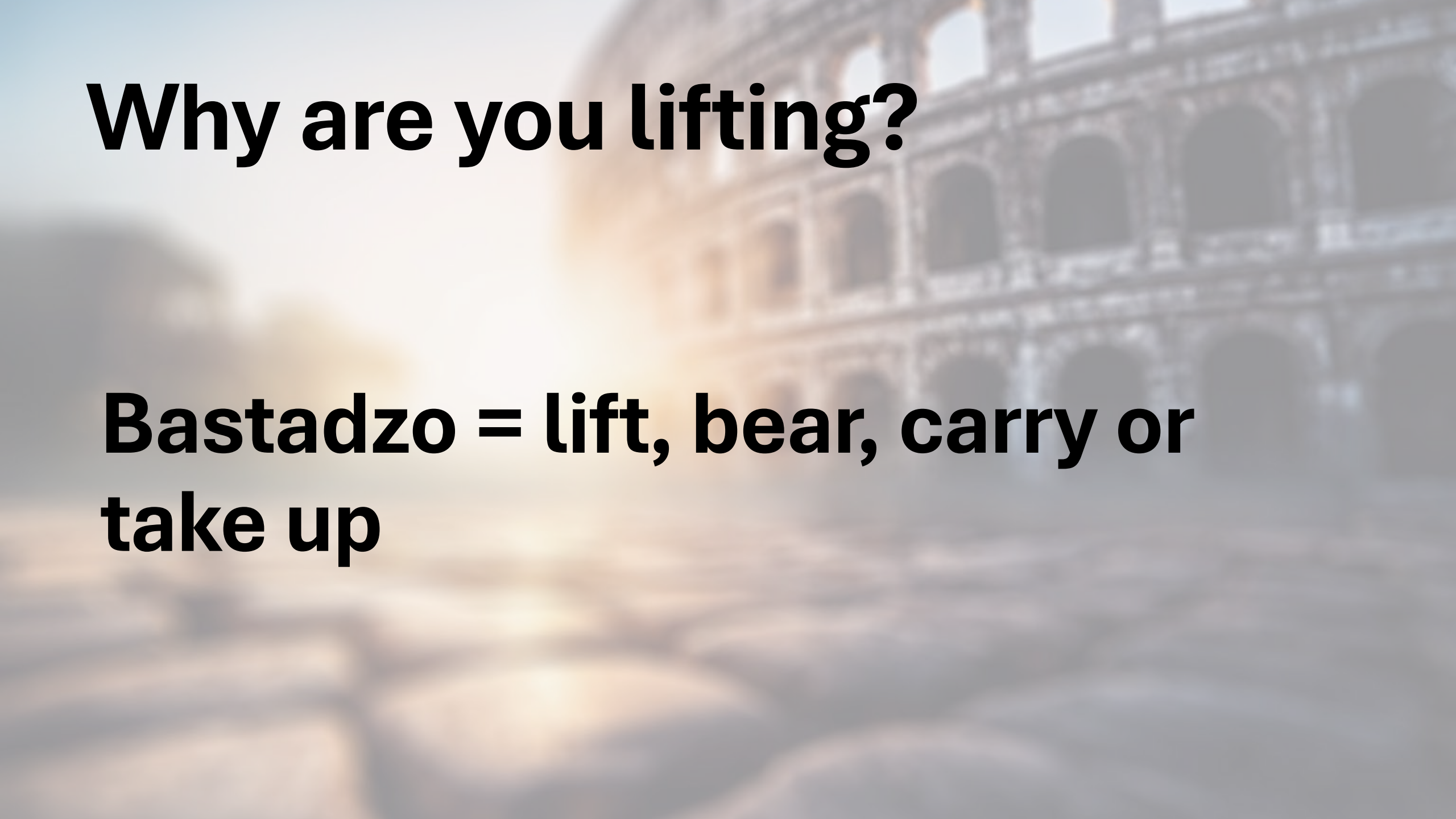


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# **Why are you lifting?**

**Bastadzo = lift, bear, carry or  
take up**

# Acts 15:1

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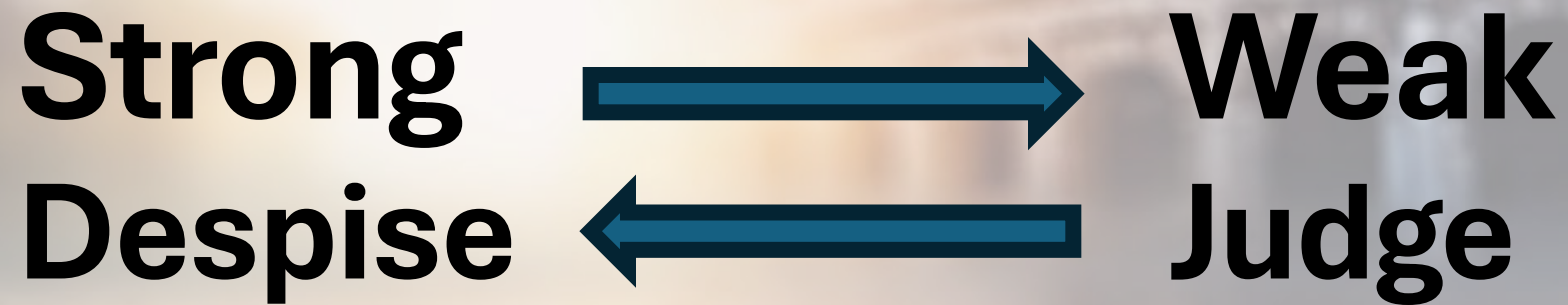
- We who are strong ought to bear with the **failings** of the weak and not to please ourselves. (NIV)
- We who are strong must be considerate of those who are **sensitive** about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. (NLT)
- We then that are strong ought to bear the **infirmities** of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (KJV)
- We then who are strong ought to bear with the **scruples** of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (NKJV)

# **Have you ever hurt a brother on an issue?**

- a. Tattoos**
- b. Rated R movies**
- c. Modest clothing**
- d. Yoga**
- e. Going into debt**
- f. Drinking alcohol**
- g. Perpetuating Santa Clause**
- h. Capitalism vs. Socialism**
- i. Harry Potter series**

- j. Halloween**
- k. Dating vs. Courtship**
- l. Secular music**
- m. Video games**
- n. Number of Children**
- o. Practicing Family Devos**
- p. School choice**
- q. Cannabis**
- r. Eating unhealthy foods**

# How do we look at each other?



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# **Unity in Christ comes when...**

**Galatians 6:2—carry one another's burdens**

**1 Cor. 9:22—To the weak I became weak to win the weak**

# Romans 15:2

Let each of us please his  
neighbor for his good, to build  
him up.

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- 2. The Example of Christ is Followed**

**\*Of not pleasing self**

# Romans 15:3

For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”

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**\*Of enduring reproaches**

# Romans 15:4

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# Romans 15:5

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- 4. Harmony is given to us**

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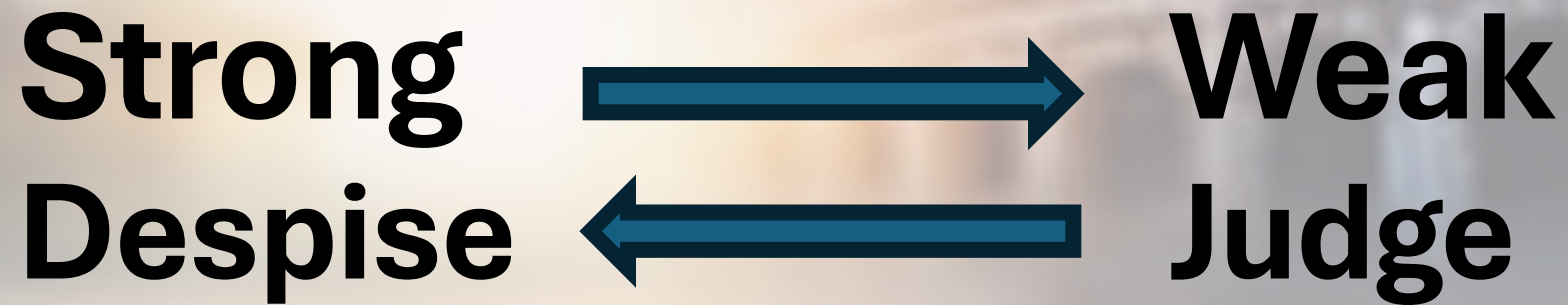
# Romans 15:6-7

that together you may with **one voice** glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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- 3. It grows when we worship together**

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