

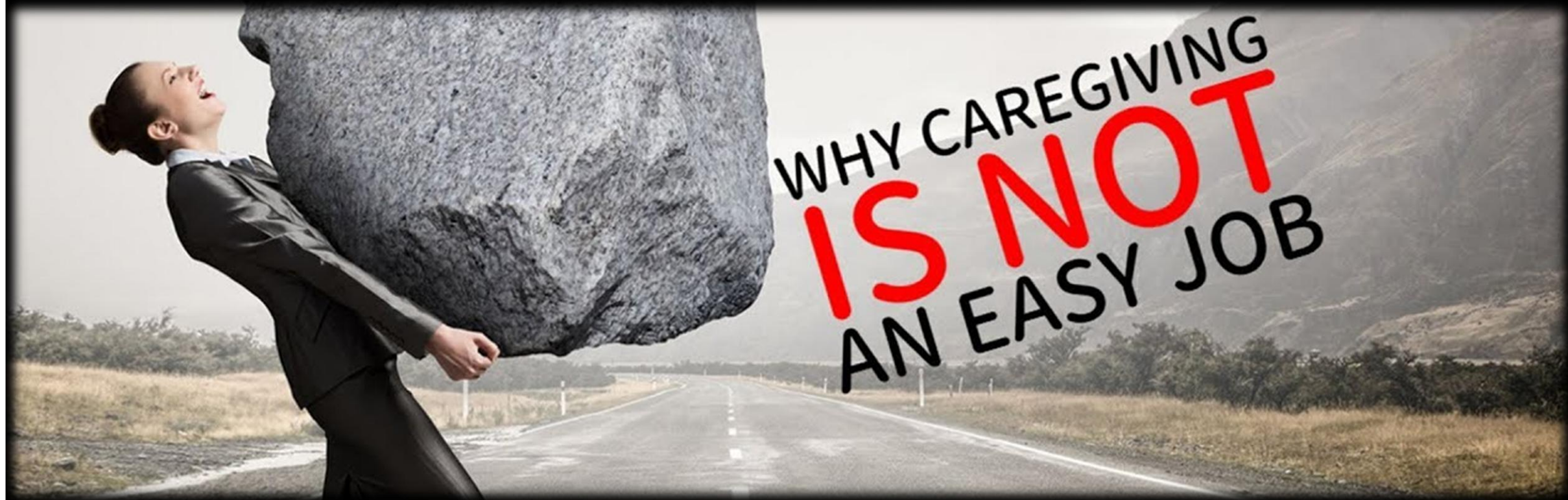
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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - TBD
- Worship Music – *Praise You In This Storm (Casting Crowns)*
- Discussion Video – *Christian Caregiving: Called to Care – Caregiving is Not an easy Job* - Ed
- Open Discussion - Dena
- Prayer Requests - Sharon
- Closing & Prayer - Sharon

Christian
Caregiving
a Way of Life

The logo is centered on a dark gray background. It features a white rectangular box with a thin brown border. Inside the box, the words "Christian Caregiving" are written in a large, black, serif font. Below this, a brown book with two orange circular highlights is shown. The words "a Way of Life" are written in a smaller, brown, serif font across the bottom of the box, appearing to be on the book's cover. The entire graphic is set against a dark gray background with a yellow triangular corner element in the bottom right.



WHY CAREGIVING
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AN EASY JOB

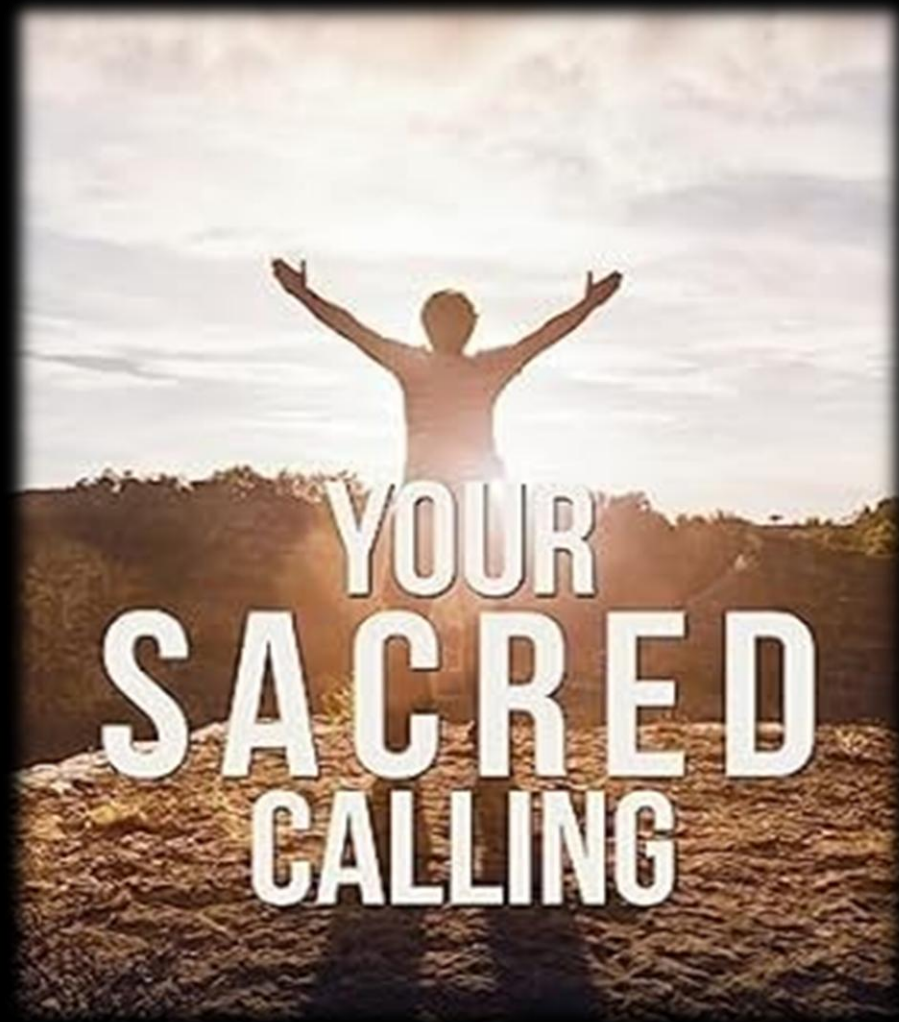
Galatians 6 ESV

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

This verse captures the heart of caregiving as a sacred calling—sharing in the burdens of others as a reflection of Jesus' love.

Main Idea

Caregiving is a sacred calling, not just a burden



YOUR
SACRED
CALLING

Sacred Calling

- Serving others is serving Christ Himself.

40 “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[a] you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40 ESV)

- Taking up our cross daily includes caregiving.

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23 ESV)

Sacred Calling

- God honors those who serve faithfully.

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. (Hebrews 6:10 ESV)

- We are stewards of God's grace in caregiving.

*10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
(1 Peter 4:10 ESV)*



God Strengthens Us

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- God's grace is sufficient for every need.

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

God Strengthens Us

- Jesus empowers us to endure.

*13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13 ESV)*

- God renews our strength when we wait on Him.

*31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they
shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah 40:31 ESV)*

God Strengthens Us

- He is our refuge & strength in trouble.

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1 ESV)

- The Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (Romans 8:26 ESV)



**We
are not
*alone.***

Doing life with the Spirit.

We Are Not Alone

- Jesus is with us always.

20 “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20 ESV)

- The Good Shepherd walks with us through the valley.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4 ESV)

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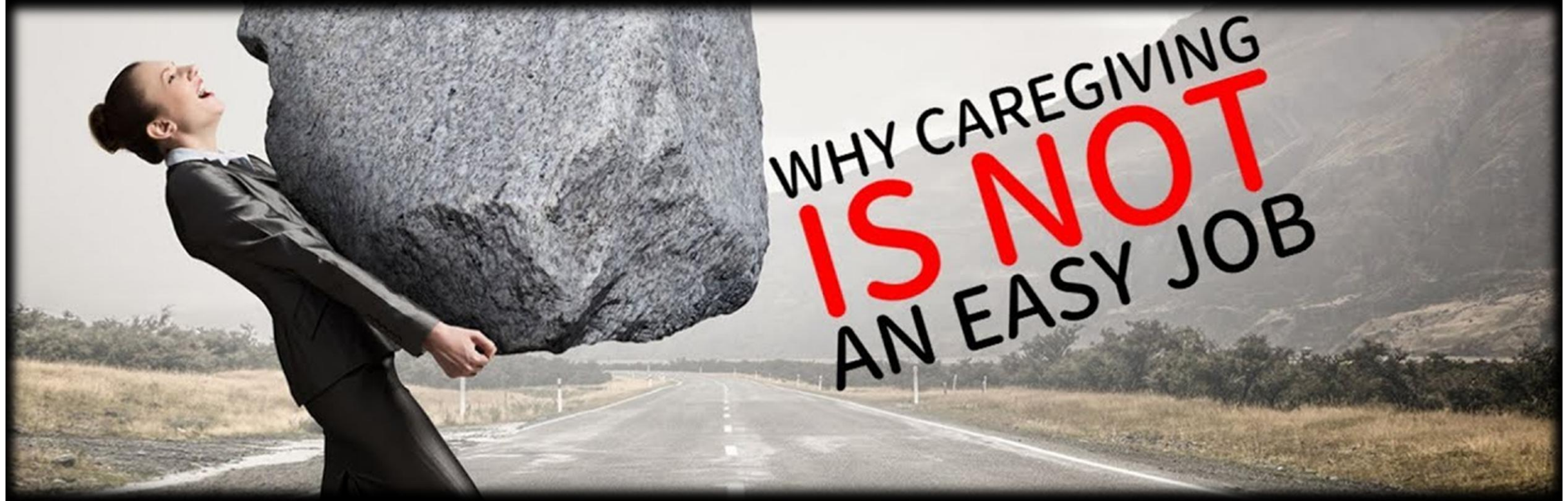
- Jesus intercedes for us continually.

*34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
(Romans 8:34 ESV)*

We Are Not Alone

- God will never leave or forsake us.

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5 ESV)



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Discussion Questions

- What emotions did you feel when you first stepped into your caregiving role?
- In what ways has God strengthened you during difficult caregiving moments?
- How does knowing God is the ultimate Caregiver change your perspective?
- What Scripture encourages you when caregiving feels overwhelming?

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