

# WALKING IN RESTORATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

Galatians 6: 1 – 6

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The missing link in discipleship in **accountability**. There is no **discipleship** without **accountability**.

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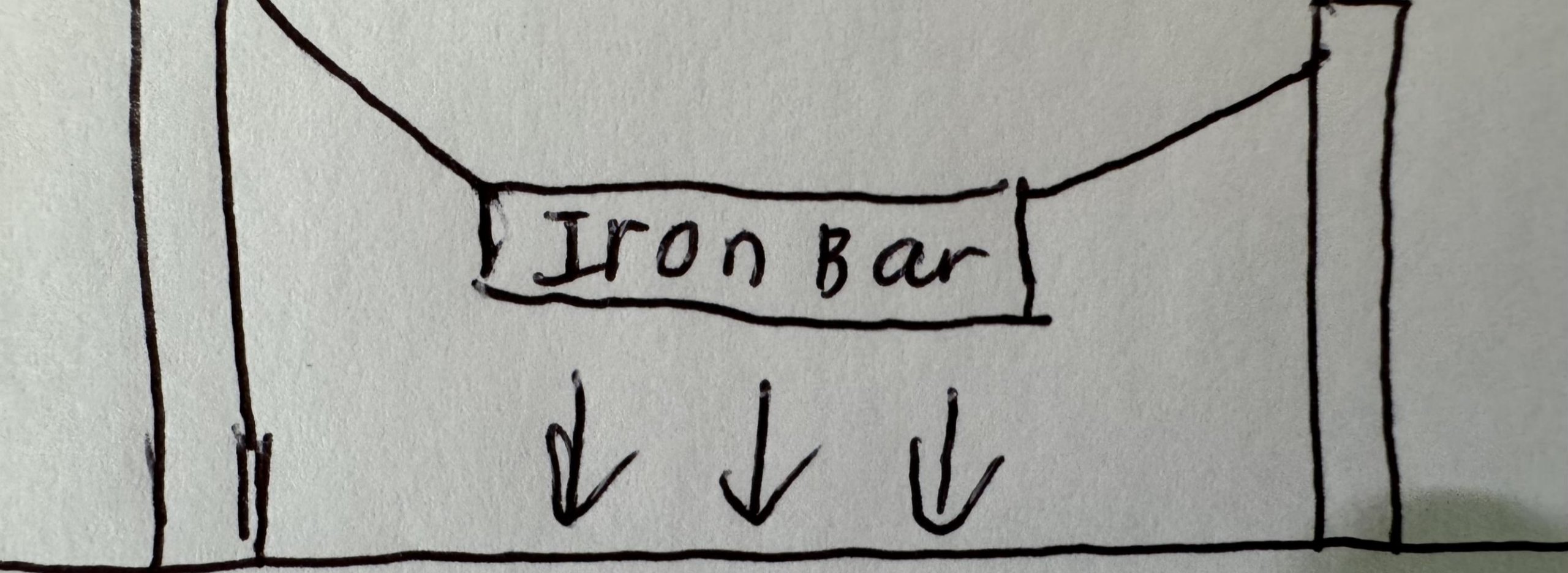
“The truth is that we can’t teach in ways that change people unless we hold them accountable.”

# Galatians 6: 1 – 6

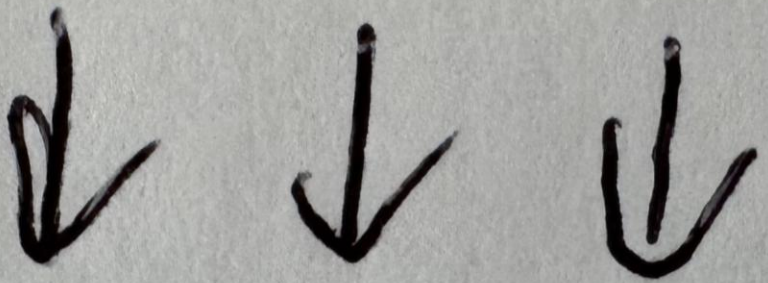
“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.”

**Galatians 5: 24** – “Those who belong to Christ Jesus (that’s all of us), have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

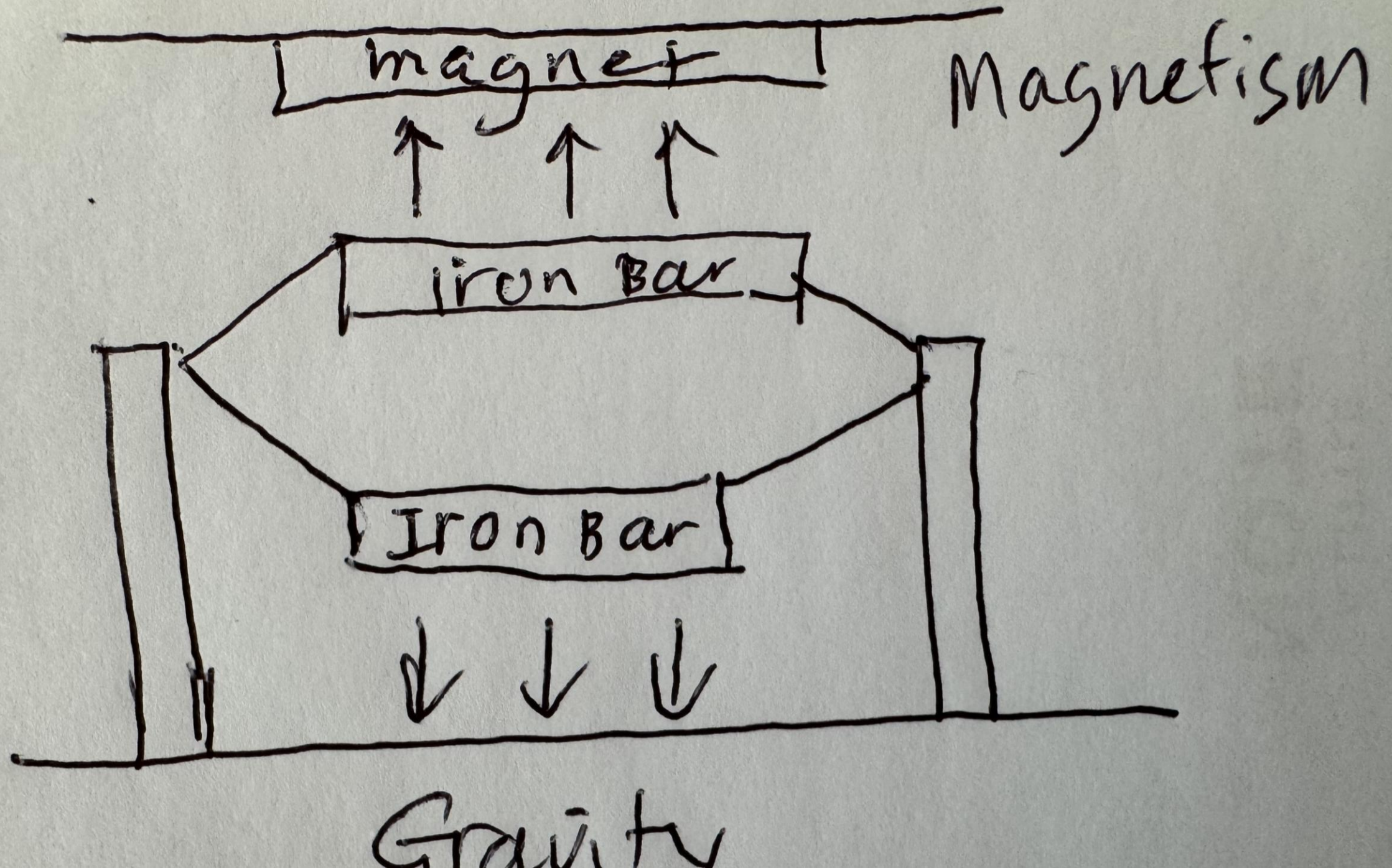
**Romans 8: 1, 2** – “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the **law of the Spirit** who gives life has set you free from **the law of sin** and death.”

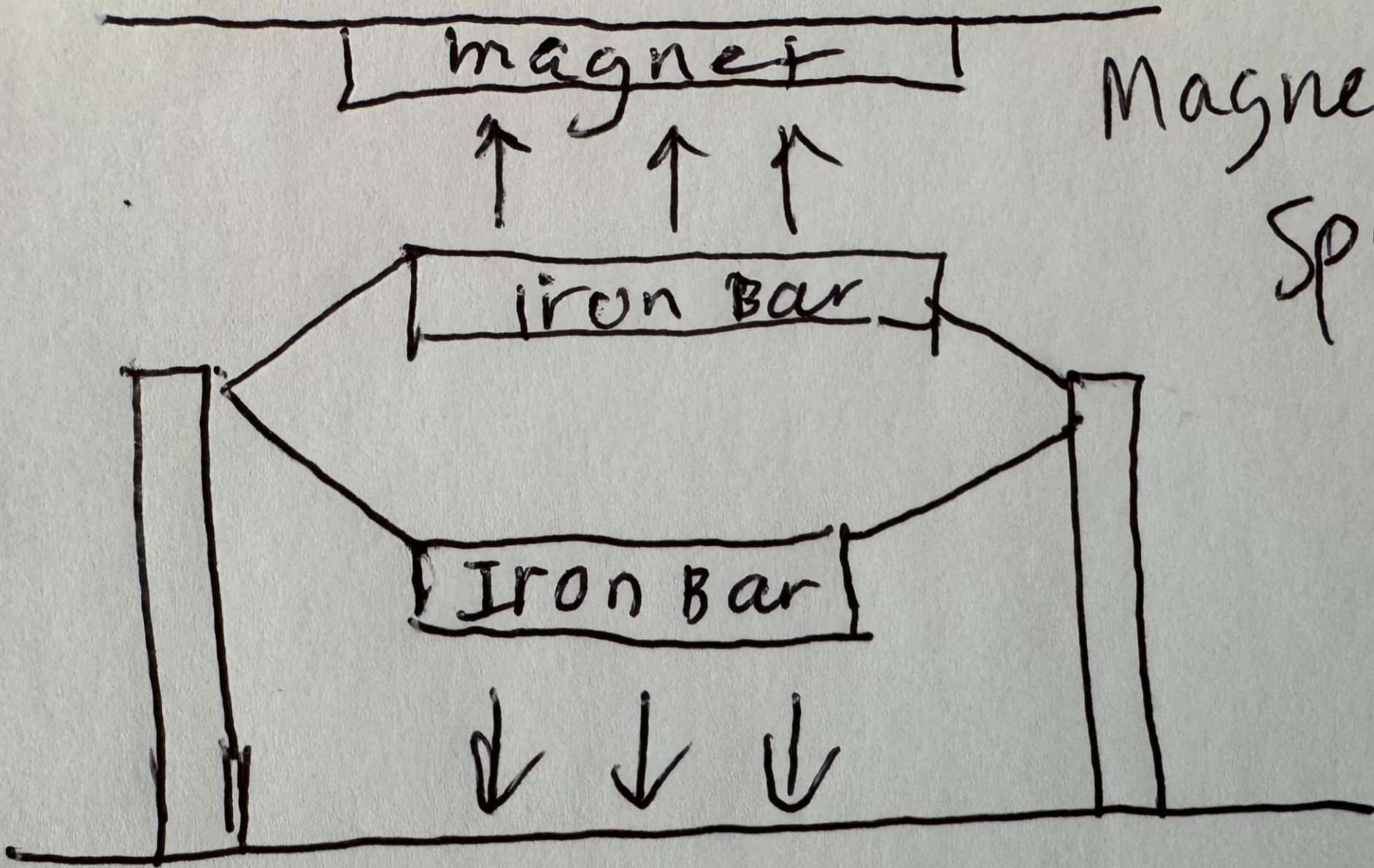


Iron Bar



Gravity





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SPIRIT

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**Galatians 5: 25, 26** – “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

**Galatians 5: 17** – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

- What we see is a beautiful picture of a **Spirit-filled** community going on a **spiritual pilgrimage** together.
- We see **restorative accountability** lived out in the context of **discipleship**.

# 3 SITUATIONS

1. WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERTAKEN BY SIN

**Galatians 6: 1** - “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should **restore** that person **gently**.”

The Greek phrase "*prolephthe*" can mean "*caught in the act*" as in surprised by others or "*overtaken by sin*" as in caught by surprise themselves.

- It is the Greek word "*katartizo*". It gives the word picture of "*setting a broken bone*" or "*mending a fishing net*".
- It is turning something **useless** back to something **useful**. It is restoring back to **full function**.

The Greek word “prautes” means meekness or gentleness.

Ephesians 4: 15 – “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

Truth without **love** can lead to **legalism**. Love without **truth** can result in **lawlessness**. But truth and love bring true **liberty** in the Spirit.

# GORDON McDONALD:

“The granting of *restorative grace* is among the greatest and most unique gift that one Christian can give to another.”

**Galatians 6: 1** - "But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."

# What Does It Mean to Speak the Truth in Love?

Feedback can be weaponized  
if there is a lack of kindness  
and empathy.

**ANDY STANLEY:**

To speak the kind truth.

# What is Accountability?

To be accountable is to be **regularly answerable** for each of the **key** areas of our lives to **selected** people.

Without **accountability**,  
there is no **discipleship**.

# 3 SITUATIONS

1. WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERTAKEN BY SIN

2. WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERWHELMED BY LIFE

**Galatians 6: 2, 3** – “Carry each other’s **burdens**, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

What is the **Law of Christ?**

It is the **Law of Love.**

Romans 13: 10 – “Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

**PRIDE!**

**Galatians 6: 3** – “If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they **deceive** themselves.”

One key deception we must avoid is when we overrate **authenticity** before man and underrate **truthfulness** towards God.

God **receives** us as we are, but He does not expect us to **remain** as we are. He wants to **transform** us, **change** us and **disciple** us, so that we are not just **real** before man but **true** towards God!

But the real test of our  
“*koinonia*” or “*fellowship*” is  
**accountability.**

The presence of **pride** and the  
absence of **accountability** destroy  
**fellowship** and shipwreck our  
**discipleship!**

**Galatians 6: 3** – “If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.”

# 3 SITUATIONS

1. WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERTAKEN BY SIN
2. WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERWHELMED BY LIFE
3. WHEN EVERYONE IS DOING THEIR PART

**Galatians 6: 4, 5** – “Each one should test their own actions. Then they can **take pride** in themselves **alone**, without comparing themselves to someone else for each one should carry their own **load**.”

- **vs 2** that "...we should carry each other's **burden**"?
- **vs 5** - "...each one should carry his own **load**?"

- **verse 2**, the word "*burden*" is the Greek word "*baros*" which means "*an overwhelming crushing load*".
- **verse 5** is the Greek word "*phortion*" which refers to "*something to be borne*" but not heavy or overbearing.

The word picture you get of this word "*phortion*" is that of a "*haversack*".

# PETER WAGNER:

“Every member in the Body has a function to perform and every function in the Body has a member to perform it.”

There are many Christians **doing nothing**. But there is no Christian who has **nothing to do!**

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Can SJSM be a church  
like this?

Yes! If we **WALK IN THE SPIRIT!**

Galatians 5: 16 – “Walk in the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh...”

We need a fresh **empowering** of the  
**Holy Spirit** to live out **restorative**  
**accountability** and grow on to maturity!