

Do Life Together:
The Achilles Heel
Church of Christ

What flows in
must flow out.

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

Galatians 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. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Matthew 11: 28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and **burdened**, and I will give you rest. 29 Take **my yoke** upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and **my burden is light.**”

Punitive Justice

Punishing criminals to deter future crimes.

Restorative Justice

Repairing the harm caused by the
crime.

Exodus 22: 1 “Whoever steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it must pay back five head of cattle for the ox and four sheep for the sheep.

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in communal destruction.**

Romans 8: 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was **weakened by the flesh**, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

The Law of Moses condemned
humanity on account of sin.

The Law also condemned the
community on account of judgment.

James 2: 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

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**God's law in God's hands results in
communal (individual) restoration**

To “do life together” is to
fulfill the law of God.
It requires accepting other
people’s messes.

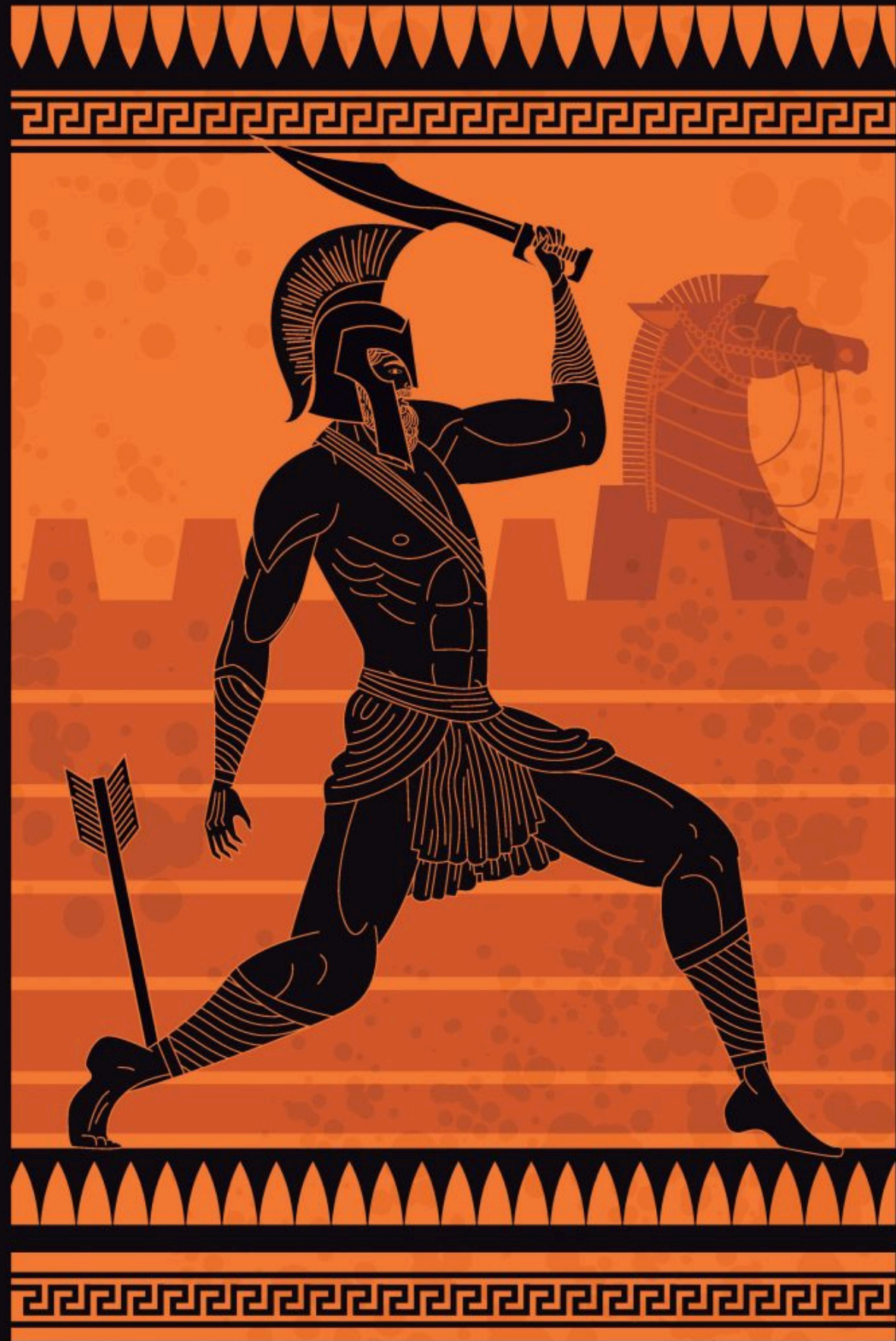
Routinely, Jesus' healings
resulted in a combination
of physical/emotional healing
AND communal restoration.

2 Corinthians 5: 18 God has done all this. He has **restored** our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of **restoring** relationships. **19** In other words, God was using Christ to **restore** his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of **restored** relationships to tell others.









We are the
community of
weakness

2 Corinthians 4: 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body...12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

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

Satan's great work of deception:

Convincing Christians they don't
need other people's burdens.

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

When you “do life together”,
there is “pride” in contentment
because you are doing what
God has called you to do.

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