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One day a man took his two young sons to the city. They watched their father carry on trade and saw how he interacted with the merchants. The father found them a late lunch and sat and talked with his sons about the day's lessons. He was preparing them to one day take their place in society.

Passing through the streets they came upon a condemned man being led to his punishment. The convict fell under the weight of his burden. The sons watched as their father was threatened by the soldiers and forced to carry this prisoner's cross. Like Simon the Cyrene, the most important and profitable thing we ever encounter may at first seem like a terrible and unfair burden. It's believed that Simon's sons were later instrumental leaders in the early church.

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me not to complain when compelled to carry another man's burden. Give me the strength and compassion I need to be of greater, unfailing service to You and Your children.

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 27:32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. (NKJV)

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (NKJV)