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There is a way of acting which lightens our load even as our load increases. It's something to do with the way we inhabit ourselves. There is a phrase of Wittgenstein's here which might be helpful:

*“Words have meaning ‘only in the stream of life.’”*

We can rephrase this in the context of the creator of all life who enters into this stream of life to give it meaning, to lighten its load, to enlighten those who live it. We only have access to this meaning if we too enter fully into this stream of life, and it is a stream always passing, never the same, Heraclitean. If we try and dam up this stream, hold on to it, stop it passing, it becomes a burden and eventually the dam will break. We can talk about this in terms of Heraclitean fire too, in terms of the Holy Spirit flowing through us, as kingfishers catch fire, that marvellous image of Gerald Manley Hopkins, which also captures something of the impossibility of containment, of capturing meaning in a word apart from its place in the stream of life. We enter the stream and find ourselves supported, indeed part of the stream, part of the one reality which is God. Children know it before learning intervenes. We can learn it again in Christ. John describes it in terms of love and our relationship to one another, the heart of the matter, the only place where God is truly visible.

*“God is love  
and anyone who lives in love lives in God,  
and God lives in him.”*

What do you do for your living? I live in love, and love lives in me.

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