

WALKING IN SURRENDER

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Galatians 5:16-25—*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

MAIN POINT

The difference between the Sinner and the Saint is SURRENDER.

WHEN WE DON'T WANT TO SURRENDER...

1. Don't trust your instincts.

> Sin is natural and we need the supernatural.

Proverbs 3:5—*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

> My desires are not God's desires.

Galatians 5:17—*For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

Jeremiah 17:9—*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?*

2. Don't discount the delayed miracle.

> To rush is to ruin.

Galatians 6:9—*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*

> You must trust the Spirit to do the work.

Galatians 5:22-24—*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

3. Surrender in step with the Spirit.

> Are you walking in surrender or stepping in sin?

Galatians 5:25—*If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

All verses quoted in English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 7/28/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Galatians 5:16-25. What sticks out to you from this passage?
2. The work of the flesh and the Fruit of the Spirit are complete opposites. How does society try to make the desires of the flesh attractive to us?
3. Read Jeremiah 17:9. How would you explain this passage to someone who doesn't know the Lord?
4. The Fruit of the Spirit is available to us through the Holy Spirit right now. We want this fruit. What gets in the way of receiving it?
5. Our daily surrender is fertile ground for the Holy Spirit, but we find it difficult to surrender. Why do you think this is?
6. What distracts you from submitting to the Holy Spirit? How can we lift your struggle in prayer.

Close your time in prayer for each other.