

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of June 22, 2025**  
**"Powerful" week #8: Walk by the Spirit**



**THE WAR WITHIN**

How have you experienced "the war within," where you 'know' you should probably \_\_\_\_\_ but you wanted to (or did) \_\_\_\_\_ instead. (See also Romans 7:19-23)

**LET'S LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE**

There are many passages in which we could learn what it means to "walk by the Spirit." However, we will focus our attention on a key passage: Galatians 5:14-25.

Read this passage and consider the following notes and questions.

Commentary notes:

- v. 16 The word translated as "walk" is figurative and means "to live by."
- v.16 The word translated as "flesh" means "human effort without God" or "the fallen human without God." As you read further (i.e. 17-21), it becomes clear that this is the corrupt nature.
- v.17 The word translated as "desire" means to "yearn strongly, to lust for."
- v. 25 The word translated as "walk" in some translations (NIV) is perhaps better translated as "to keep in step with" or "walk in cadence with."

Question: What is the context of the command to "walk by the Spirit" in Galatians 5:13-16?

Question: What is the war waging inside of us? (16-17) What is Paul's command concerning this?

Question: In addition to "walk by the Spirit" in verse 16, what other commands are given in the passage about connecting with the Spirit? (16, 18, 25) What aspects do these add to the meaning of walking by the Spirit?

Question: Verses 19-23 indicate that "the deeds" of the flesh or the Spirit are evident. What changes? Why? (17, 19, 24)

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

From what we learned in this week's message and our studies, what does it mean to "walk by the Spirit" or be "led by the Spirit" or "to live by the Spirit?"

How is the Word of God involved in the process of living by the Spirit? How is our will and desire involved?

Galatians and many other passages of Scripture include commands that we are to obey or follow. How is "walking by the Spirit" different from just trying to obey the Law?

How can we know that we are "living by the Spirit?"

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- For our single parents who are raising kids
- For the Kid's Camp teams, attendees, and the influence of the good news
- For our church unity, teamwork, and commitment as we meet June 29