



## Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - Galatians: Living by the Spirit

### Main Idea

This week Pastor Brett continued our XXVII series with a message from the book of Galatians. In Galatians 2:21, we read “I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.” Through Christ’s sacrifice, we receive grace by faith in Jesus, not because of what we do. Obedience to God is a supernatural side-effect of our relationship with Christ, not the means by which we are saved.

Ephesians 4:1-2 tells us, “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Galatians 5:16 says, “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh...”

**So Christ has truly set us free.**  
**Now make sure that you stay free...**

**GALATIANS 5:1**

### Make It Practical:

#### Themes of Galatians

- Galatians defends Paul’s gospel as being from Christ
- Galatians teaches that we are justified through faith, not by works.
- Galatians highlights Spirit-directed obedience.

#### Overcoming the appetites of the flesh:

- Depend on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

#### Feeding Your Spirit:

- Feed your Spirit with prayer.
- Feed your Spirit with God’s Word.
- Feed your Spirit with the right people.

## Talk About It

- How does Paul's emphasis on living by the Spirit, as outlined in Galatians 5:16-25, challenge our modern understanding of freedom and self-control? How can we practically apply the concept of "feeding our spirit" to resist the desires of the flesh in today's culture?
- Note the contrast between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit, as described in Galatians 5:19-24. Reflecting on these lists, what specific challenges do you face in cultivating the fruit of the Spirit in your daily life? How can the community of believers support one another in this endeavor?
- The book of Galatians emphasizes the importance of prayer, scripture, and surrounding oneself with the right people to strengthen our spiritual walk. How can we prioritize these practices in our busy lives? Share a personal experience where engaging in prayer, studying scripture, or seeking out supportive community has significantly impacted your spiritual growth.

**WHAT YOU FEED GROWS.  
WHAT YOU STARVE DIES.**

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the insight we have received from Your Word. Help us to walk in Your Spirit, resisting temptation and embodying Your love and grace in our lives. Strengthen us through devotion to prayer, Your Word, and supportive community. May our lives reflect Your glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Leader Tip

Remind Group Members that a lifestyle of prayer, devotion to God's Word, and community doesn't end when we walk outside of a building. As the body of Christ, we can support one another throughout the week, and encourage each other in the faith to live boldly for Christ.