

Week of April 28, 2024

Series: Freedom: The Gospel in Galatians

Sermon: How to Do the Things You Want to Do

Text: Galatians 5:16-26

### **Sermon Outline:**

To walk by the Spirit (v16) is:

1. To be led by the Spirit. (v18)
2. To live by the Spirit. (v25)
3. To keep in step with the Spirit. (v25)

### **Discussions Questions:**

1. Read Galatians 5:16-17. Can you identify with this struggle? Discuss areas in your life where you may be having trouble doing the things you want to do or being the person you want to be.

Read Galatians 5:18-26.

2. How can being led by the Spirit (think submitting to His leadership) help you follow Christ in that particular area? How does consuming God's Word, praying, and spending time with other Christians help you to be led by the Spirit?
3. How can living by the Spirit (think power) help you follow Christ in that particular area? Why is it that the more humble you are that the more of God's power you will experience?
4. How can keeping in step with the Spirit (think relationship) follow Christ in that particular area? How much time should a person spend with God each day (in the Word and prayer) to keep in step with the Spirit?
5. On Sunday morning, Josh made the claim that "walking by the Spirit" is perhaps the most important command in the Bible. But Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-38 that the greatest commandment is to "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Is it possible for there to be a measure of truth to Josh's claim without contradicting Matthew 22:37-38? Explain.