



Message Reflections

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Read Galatians 5:13-25.

In verse 16, Paul calls us to “walk by the Spirit.” Francis Chan in *Forgotten God* discusses the simplicity of this picture of walking: “You don’t have to know exactly where you’re going; it doesn’t require any planning; all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other. Really, the only way to walk is one step at a time. We can get so caught up in the big picture that we lose sight of the fact that God is simply calling us to walk.”

- What does it look like for you to walk by the Spirit in your daily life? Are you relying on and submitting to Him in *all* that you do?

We know this is not always as simple as it sounds; it is difficult because our flesh will continue to desire things against what the Spirit desires for us. We have a choice whether to fulfill our selfish desires, or to rely on the power of the Spirit to follow where He is leading. Sometimes we even find ourselves with the right desire to live a life that models Jesus, but we end up working in our own strength and miss the freedom of being led and empowered by the Spirit.

- Do you tend to work in your own strength or rely on the Spirit for help?
- How have you seen the fruit of the Spirit demonstrated in your life when you rely on the power of the Spirit?

When we walk by the Spirit, we get to experience the fullness of life in Him. He enables us to live in freedom, even in the midst of our struggles. “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1)