

A family's core values

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Free to Serve

Galatians 5-6

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Galatians

Christ has set us free

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Galatians 5:13-15 Free to serve

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love.**

¹⁴ **For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**

¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

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Galatians 5:16-18 2 roads: flesh or Spirit

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Freedom ≠ do what I want
Freedom = living in the Spirit

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Galatians 5:19-24 2 roads: flesh or Spirit

Acts (works) of the flesh: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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Galatians 5:25-26

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

**If we have new life from the Spirit
then we must live like the Spirit**

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Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² **Carry each other's burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

**Help people with the
physical, emotional, or spiritual load
that is threatening to crush them**

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Galatians 6:3-6 Each person answers to God

³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ **Each one should test their own actions.** Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load.

⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

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Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ **Do not be deceived** **God cannot be mocked** A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

Serving by the Spirit brings a good harvest

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The Spirit in us

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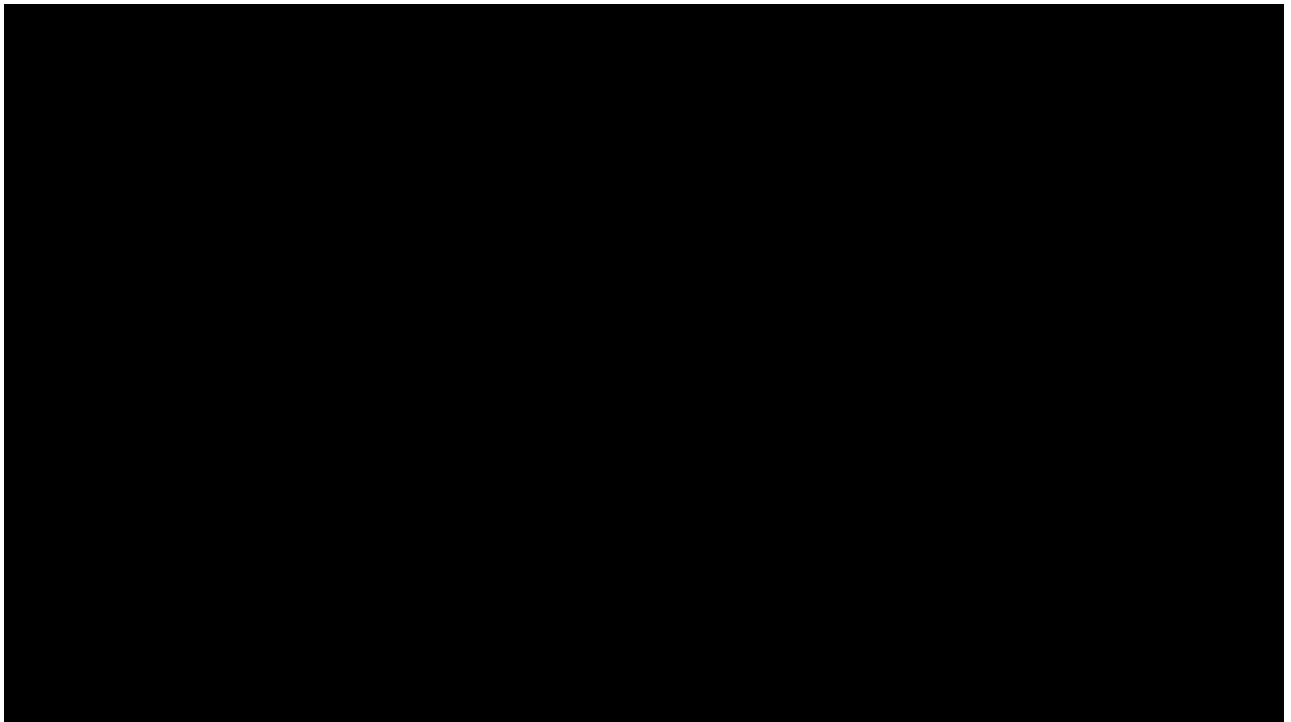
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- Pray for the Spirit in us to **transform** us
- Pray for good opportunities
- *All kinds of burdens*
- *Using all kinds of gifts*
- *With appropriate boundaries*
- Always as an expression of love
- Practice

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

➤ Because serving in love is what God does

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Galatians 6:9-10