

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Galatians: Jesus + Nothing - Part 6

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Introduction

In Galatians 5, Paul writes about what it means to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out, a new way of living with the guidance of the Holy Spirit came to be. It was not about the tongues of fire, but the fact that the Holy Spirit was poured out on everyone – and is available to us too. Believers need to practice making room for the Holy Spirit to lead, and to learn to respond to His leading. Living by the Spirit does not happen in an instant. It happens one step at a time, and over time it will become our way of life.

Read

Galatians 6:1-10

Discuss

1. What is your experience of the Holy Spirit? What is your understanding of being filled or led by the Holy Spirit?
2. Pastor Tim mentioned that the Spirit's role is to lead us; our role is simply to respond. Obedience is the accumulative effect of lots of little steps in the same direction. What often stops you from making just one little step at a time?
3. Read Galatians 6:1 (NIV). Who are those who "live by the Spirit" in this context? What has been your experience of seeing anyone do this? What might this look like?
4. Read Galatians 6:2-6. How does Paul describe life in a community when the Holy Spirit is involved? As a group, what practical things can we do?

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5. Living by the Spirit is something that we have to deliberately do until it becomes our way of life. Instead of trying harder to experience the Holy Spirit, we have to make room for Him, and take just one next step. What does it mean for you to make room for the Holy Spirit? What can prevent us from doing this?
6. When we have experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Tim mentioned that we need to tell someone, keep going, and then follow the relational pathways. Do you have a trusted person you could share this with?

Respond

We are designed to live by the Spirit so that we can represent God and bring the Good News to people around us. It is not the kind of life that we just happen to drift into, but we have to be intentional in making small steps in the same direction, day by day. What is one small step you are going to make this week?