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**Winning The War Within**

Galatians 5:16-26

**Key Truth**: The goal of Christian maturity is not trying to sin less but rather surrendering every area of your life under the authority of the Holy Spirit.

**Truths About The Flesh:**

1. The flesh is that part of you that wants to live apart from

 God’s righteous law.

2. Having the desires of the flesh are not sinful in themselves.

 A. It’s when we give in to the desires of the flesh that leads to

 sin. **James 1:13-15**

3. The flesh will be with you until the day you die.

 A. No amount of spiritual maturity will kill the flesh;

 however, it will keep the flesh under submission.

4. People who consistently perform the works of the flesh are

 not following the Spirit and are not Christians.

**Follow The Leader:**

1. The Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives gives us the power we

 need to live out our faith.

2. Walking by the Holy Spirit means to cooperate with Him in

 living the Christian life.

3. It’s a loving and trusting relationship by which we follow the

 Holy Spirit’s leadership.

4. The Holy Spirit works in concert with your conscience.

 **Acts 24:16 Romans 9:1-2**

5. The Holy Spirit produces the life of Jesus in you that blesses

 others.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit so that we can have a guide and an advocate to help us live lives that glorify God. Listen and heed the instruction of the Holy Spirit in every area of your life.

**Connection Group Discussion Questions**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Read Galatians 5:16-21:

Read Galatians 5:22-26:

How does the fruit of the Spirit in verses 22-26 compare to the works of the flesh mentioned in verses 19-21?

Is there an area in your life where you are following the flesh instead of the Spirit? What step can you take today to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit?

In what ways have you recently been reminded of the Spirit’s presence and power in your life? How can you be more aware of and sensitive to the Spirit’s presence and power?

Read James 4:1-6: What does James say lies at the root of all our quarrels and fights?

Have you ever asked God for something “wrongly, to spend it on your passions” (v. 3)? Why do you think James called people who pray this way “adulterous people” (v. 4)?

We tend to think of jealousy in a negative light. Why is God justified in yearning “jealously over the Spirit he has made to dwell in us “ (v. 5)?