

February 27 & 28

BATTLE

GALATIANS

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INTRODUCTION

"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law." [Galatians 5:1] Christ has secured our freedom, but freedom doesn't come without a fight. Paul's words in chapter 5 to the Galatians urge them to live in freedom and serve each other in love, standing firm against living in the flesh by standing firm in the Spirit.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read Galatians 5:13-21.** Our habits speak greatly of who we are and what directs us. What is a battle you have faced, or are still facing, against a fleshly desire? What have you done to overcome this battle? How has this affected your faith life? Pray as a group for those who have shared.
2. **Read Galatians 5:22-23.** What does "There is no law against these things!" mean to you? How is this fruit demonstrated in a person's life? Go around the room and share one "fruit of the Spirit" you see in each of the members of the group and how this fruit has affected your relationship with that person and your faith life.
3. What is your next step in growing the Holy Spirit's presence in your life?

THINK ABOUT IT

Ingrid Williams died in a head-on collision February 9, 2016. In the face of an enemy waging war against him and his family, Oklahoma City Thunder assistant coach Monty Williams chose to stand firm in his faith. The eulogy he delivered to honor his wife was filled with the same faith, love and truth Paul urges to the Galatians as well as us generations later. "This is hard for my family, but this will work out...the Bible says Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. America teaches us to just numb that, and it's not true...what we need is the Lord, and that's what my wife tried to exhibit every single day."

DO SOMETHING

1. Mentors are a valuable tool in accountability. Make a commitment to find a mentor in your spiritual journey or open yourself up to the opportunity to be a mentor to someone growing in their faith.
2. Journal this week starting with the prompt, "What is my enemy to a fruitful faith?" Then take these thoughts to a trusted confidante. Pray for each other and collaborate on how you can help each other keep in step with the Spirit.
3. Patience, kindness and goodness to others are fruit of a Spirit-filled life. As a family or small group, create a list of simple acts, like making a phone call, taking someone for coffee, waiting patiently in line, etc. that demonstrate these characteristics and act on them this week.

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