



# ROMANS

Strong faith for life



- Paul wants this letter to **equip** us for the new lives God has for us.

- We have to learn to surrender our **thoughts** to the Holy Spirit.

...and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. Romans 8:6 (NLT)

- Every Christ follower needs to be **controlled** by the Holy Spirit.

7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will... 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. Romans 8:7-9 (NLT)

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit... Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

### Being filled with the Holy Spirit:

- To be Under His **Control**.
- The Spirit-controlled life is not a **one-time event**.

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52 (NASB)

### Barriers to a Spirit-controlled life:

- When **feelings** run our lives.
- The cares and distractions of this **world**.  
Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)
- The fear of not having **control**.

### To experience a Spirit-controlled life:

- Continually **surrender** ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

### How we surrender:

- Ask for Him to **lead** you every day.
- Stop **fighting** him.

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself...1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)

- Embrace your new **life** and **purpose**.

### Marks of a Spirit-controlled life:

- The **fruits** of the spirit are noticeable in me.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22:23 (NLT)

- We're not acting out of our **sinful nature**.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT)

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## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you feel equipped for the new life God is creating in you? What do you feel like you need to have confidence for the life God has for you?
- Why do we need to be controlled by the Holy Spirit?
- What does it mean to be controlled by the Holy Spirit?
- Are there any barriers that you face that keep you from a Spirit-controlled life?
- How do you personally surrender yourself to the Holy Spirit?
- How do we allow the fruits of the Spirit to be noticeable in us?
- How do we stop acting out of our sinful nature?

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