

LIVING IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ABBA FATHER

Romans 8:12-18

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The book of Romans sometimes makes the Christian life seem like an irreducible complexity.

Review: Understanding the BIG picture of the Christian walk.

Rom. 8:5-6 Setting your mind on the things of the Spirit controls your spiritual life and transformation.

Romans 8:12 Obligation: Gratitude for what Christ has done and will do for us in eternity. [2 Cor. 5:21]

Romans 8:13 Live according to the flesh – OR – put to death the misdeeds of the body.

There is a kind of life that leads to death, and there is a kind of death that leads to life.

What can you do as a human person with a will, that engages the vigorous action of the Spirit in you to kill sin?

1 Cor. 15:10 How do you get God's grace to be at work in you?

Gal. 3:5 Not by observance of the Law, but by hearing the Word and believing!

You are in a war for your life and your faith needs to be actively trusting God's truth.

In Eph. 6, what is the one piece of spiritual warfare that kills?

What are some things we can do in our active role of living by the Spirit?

1. A commitment to the gospel's daily work of grace in your life.
2. A commitment to keep short accounts and restored relationships.
3. A commitment to personal spiritual growth through spiritual disciplines.
4. A commitment to please and bring glory to God in all your decisions.

Relational Motivation Romans 8:14-17

Romans 8:14 If you are led by the Spirit, you ARE sons of God.

You have security as a child unconditionally loved by their father.

Romans 8:15 Fear is removed in the relationship as you have trust and faith in your heavenly father.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit testifies a reassurance to us that we truly are God's loved children.

Romans 8:17 As children of God, we are co-heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:17b This is not a condition, but a fact of shared suffering of anyone who is led by the Spirit.

Suffering for Christ's sake and the glory of Christ revealed go hand in hand.

Romans 8:18 The suffering is minuscule compared to the glory to God revealed by the work of the Spirit in our lives.