

**An Inward Spiritual Feud**

Lesson 2

Gal. 5:16-25

Whether you realize it or not, there is a feud going on within your own heart. The two sides couldn’t be more opposite! The side that wins will majorly influence the path of your life. We need to understand this war and battle it effectively.

This battle is between your sinful, fleshly desires and the Holy Spirit of God who dwells inside of you. Which of these two will you submit to?

**There’s a Battle Going On! (vs. 16-18).**

* The battle is pronounced (v. 16).
* The battle is polar (v. 17a).
* The battle is perpetual (v. 17b).
* The battle is personal (v. 18).

**The Battle Has 2 Sides Only (vs. 19-23).**

* The works of the flesh are deadly (vs. 19-21).
  + The works of the flesh are sexual (v. 19).
  + The works of the flesh are worshipful (v. 20a).
  + The works of the flesh are antisocial (vs. 20b-21a).
  + The works of the flesh are insatiable (v. 21b).
* The fruit of the Spirit is freeing (vs. 22-23).
  + The Holy Spirit changes our attitude (v. 22a).
  + The Holy Spirit changes our relationships (v. 22b).
  + The Holy Spirit changes our character (v. 22c).

**The Battle is a Spiritual Opportunity (vs. 24-25).**

* Victory is offered because we’ve been crucified (v. 24).
* Victory is offered as a simple choice (v. 25).

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God;

but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 7:24-25

**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

* Cross Impact IUPUI-
  + First meeting this week
  + Evangelistic Studies beginning
  + Callout Meeting next week
* Single Focus
  + Axe Throwing
  + College Students Returning to school
  + God’s Leading for 2023
* Purdue Cross Impact Efforts at Purdue & UIndy

**Specific Requests:**

* Dornbirers’ dad continued cancer journey
* Jack and Kendall Elms in military training/service
* Henry’s unsaved friend Jeff
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for a second job and community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Jessica’s parents selling their home
* Gabe’s back and knee issues
* Montgomery’s with their 2nd child coming soon

**Announcements:**

* January 13- Axe Throwing

