

God's Ways: Flesh vs. Spirit

(1 John 2:15-17 / Romans 8:1-11)

Opening Discussion: What are some temptations you have seen people deal with? What are some temptations you have personally struggled with or are struggling with? How do you deal with temptation when it comes?

Transformational Principle - If you want to be _____, you must learn to deal with your _____ nature.

1. **Main Point #1 - Apart from _____, we are condemned by our _____.**

(1 John 2: ___ / Romans 8: ___ - ___)

For further discussion: How does Paul describe the life lived in the power of the flesh? How have you seen this lifestyle play out in the world around you? How do you react to Romans 8:5-7? (1 John 2:15-17: How does John's description of the ways of the world compare to Paul's theology of the "fleshly" lifestyle? Why do you think Paul describes this lifestyle as slavery? Are there any personal struggles you would like to overcome?)

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2. **Main Point #2 - In Christ, we are _____ from our flesh leading to _____ life.**

3. (1 John 2: ___ / Romans 8: ___ - ___, ___ - ___)

For further discussion: What does Paul say about the life lived by the Spirit? What feelings or emotions does Paul's discussion evoke in you? What encouragements do you get from his words? (See John 10:7-11: What does Jesus say about what He did for us? Why is this so significant considering what we were struggling with? How does Jesus' teaching of the thief and Paul's teaching of the flesh compare? Have you been freed by Jesus to live life abundantly? If not, what is keeping you from following Jesus in faith?)

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Response: Are you still letting your _____ have _____ over you?
