

Galatians – Lesson 36

Galatians 5:13-26

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We are continuing to examine **v.16a**>>

...walk by the Spirit...>>

We learned that *...walk[ing] by the Spirit...* is to *...walk as Jesus walked...>>*

This morning we will turn our attention to another reason why too many struggle to *...walk by the Spirit...>>*

In **v.18**, Paul tells us how we are to *...walk by the Spirit...>>*

*...if you are **led** by the Spirit, you are not under the Law...>>*

In **Luke 4:1** we are told that *...Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was **led** by the Spirit in the desert...>>*

To *...walk by the Spirit...* means to **obey** the leading of the Spirit>>

When we hear the word *...obey...*, we usually think of what we **do**>>

However, as we read in **James 4:7**, our doing must follow our submitting>>

*Submit yourselves to God: resist [fight against] the devil and he **will flee** from you...>>*

James is not giving us two separate commands>>

He is explaining that obedience begins with submission which then flows into resistance to the devil>>

<<resulting in Satan fleeing>>

Of course, Jesus is the perfect Example of **James 4:7**>>

John 5:19 *Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something **He sees the Father doing...** 30 **I can do nothing on My own initiative...**>>*

John 6:38 *I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent Me...>>*

As we read in **Matt. 8:9-10**, Jesus was a Man *...under authority...>>*

*The centurion replied... I myself am a man **under authority**, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said...I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.*

How did the centurion know that Jesus was a Man under God's authority>>

<<he saw the heard the effects of Jesus' Words and work>>

*Let's look at **Ex. 14:10-14** as an example>>*

*As Pharaoh [...the god of this world...] drew near, the sons of Israel... became very frightened... **13** But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! **Stand still** and **watch** see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today... **14** **"The Lord will fight** for you while you keep silent."*

*The power of obedience comes from what the *Holy Spirit* does>>*

*<<in us, **with** us and **through** us>>*

*Israel's victory over the fortress of Jericho is an example of **James 4:7**>>*

The battle began with Joshua's submission to the Lord>>

Josh. 5:13 *Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a Man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in His hand. Joshua went to Him and asked, "Are You for us or for our enemies?" **14** "Neither," he replied, "as the Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell face down to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" **15** The Commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.*

Josh. 6:6 *So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord." **7** Then he said to the people, "Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the Lord." ...**10** You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!" ...**11** So he had the ark of the Lord taken around the city, circling it once; then they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp. **12** Now Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. **13** The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew the trumpets; and the armed men went before them and the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while they continued to blow the trumpets. **14** Thus the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp; they did so for six days...>>*

In **v.15-20**, we read the result of Israel's submission to the Lord>>

*15 Then on the seventh day they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times... 16 [and] when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city... 20 the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they **took the city**.*

James' command to ...*Submit yourselves to God...* is the same command that Paul wrote in **Eph 6:10-11**>>

...be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Every day in every way we should be dressed the the armor of God to protect ourselves from>>

<<Satan's ...*flaming arrows* [**Eph 6:16**]... so we will not ...*carry out the desire[s] of the flesh* [**Gal. 5:16**]....>>

Next week we will speak about our resistance to Satan>>