

life in the Spirit | **Romans 8**

A Spirit of Confidence

Romans 8:28-39

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Introduction: There are two ways to live. Not: good versus bad or easy versus hard. But: on your own or with the Holy Spirit. If you believe in Jesus, you've got the Holy Spirit within you. Which presents you with options: either you can go back to your old life or you can discover the fresh possibilities of a totally new life with the Holy Spirit. "I believe in the Holy Ghost". Maybe you've said it before. Now it's time to learn how to live it.

Prayer: Father, guide and direct us by your Holy Spirit into the truth to be found in your Word and use what we learn to help us know you and ourselves better. Amen

Read: Romans 8:28-39

Review: How did the Holy Spirit guide your prayers this week?

Discussion:

1. What do you picture when you think of things working out for good? How do you define good?
2. What is the good that God is working out for us? See Romans 5:1-2, Colossians 1:21-22. What bad things have you seen God work for good in your life?
3. Look at the questions that Paul asks in verses 31-37. What areas of challenge is he asking about? Do you face these difficulties? How does he answer these questions?
4. Paul lists more challenges in verses 38-39. What challenges are you facing that make you wonder about God's love for you?
5. What gives you confidence in God's love for you? (Bible, Prayer, Community, Service, Worship...)

Application: Bring your challenges and doubts to God in prayer. Connect with another believer.

Prayer: Father, protect us from doubts from the enemy and doubts from within ourselves so that we can confidently carry out your plan for us. Amen.