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New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.



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New to Emmanuel?



E:Connect is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

Baptism

Baptism is a public declaration of faith for those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Come celebrate with us on March 8th.



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Stay Connected



Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

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Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, 2026 | Walking by the Spirit - 2 | Gal. 5:13-18 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

SERVICE OVER SLAVERY

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh,...

1. Don't allow your freedom to become a FOOTHOLD (ἀφορμή // aph-or-MAY) for the same old oppressor.
2. The FLESH is behind both rule-keeping and rule-breaking.

Galatians 5:13 --but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

3. Gospel freedom boils down to LOVING service (δουλεύω // dou-LEU-o).

Galatians 5:15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

4. PEACEMAKING is a gauge for gospel freedom.

Ask Yourself

Do my gauges indicate that I'm living out gospel freedom or giving in to the flesh?

SPIRIT OVER SELF

*Galatians 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.*

1. On our own, we get bound up in LEGALISM or LICENSE.
2. We live out our freedom by following the Holy Spirit's LEAD.
 - a. It's mysterious, but it's not a MYSTERY.

*2 Peter 1:20 ...no prophecy of **Scripture** comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along **by the Holy Spirit**.*

*John 14:26 ...the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance **all that I have said to you**.*

*John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak,...*

- b. It's a process, but it's a SHARED process.

*2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*Ephesians 4:3 eager to maintain **the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—*

Ask Yourself

What can I do to align myself more with the Holy Spirit's influence today?

Ask the Lord

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your relentless love for us.

Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank You for the transformation You are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

