# FOR BETTER OR WORSE

THE DOWNS | September 12, 2021 **OLIVE BRANCH CAMPUS** 



#### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 5:13-26

### **SERMON POINTS**

- 1) Gospel Freedom Leads to Marital / Spiritual Fruit.
- 2) Gratifying the Flesh Leads to Marital / Spiritual Destruction.
- 3) Walk With the Spirit & In the Fruit of the Spirit.

## **START TALKING**. Find a conversation starter for your group.

 How do you define freedom? Would you consider yourself a rule follower or a rule breaker?

## **START THINKING**. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

· As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

#### **START SHARING**. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Galatians 5:14
- · What does it mean to "love your neighbor as yourself"?
- Have you thought about your spouse as your first neighbor before?
- Read Galatians 5:16-18
- When you think of the word desire, do you think positively or negatively?
- · What are some healthy desires that you have personally?
- What are some unhealthy desires you can easily fall into?
- Read Galatians 5:22-26
- · What do you find difficult about walking by the Spirit?
- · Do you think of yourself possessing all nine characteristics of the singular Fruit of the Spirit? Which is the most difficult for you to live out?
- Look again at verse 24. What freedom does this verse give you as you realize you don't have to work harder but rest in the work that has already been done on the cross?

## **START PRAYING**. Be bold and pray with power.

· If you are married, pray with and for your spouse. If you are not married, pray that marriages will be strengthened in our church and community.

#### **START DOING**. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Share something you learned from Galatians 5 with a friend or coworker.
- Invite someone to next weeks worship service.