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Galatians 5:16-26

Life is full of choices. Each and every day starts out with you and I faced with making choices. Some are easy to make and live by. Others may come more difficult. And, they resultingly can be more difficult to make and live by. This morning as in every morning I had to choose which shirt to wear, which pair of jeans to put on. These choices for me are a no brainer! My church knows first hand that I am not a fashion statement. This is not a great concern for me. My bride picks out all of my apparel and I am very happy to empower her to do my shopping! She tells me what shirt goes with which trousers.

Paul in the scriptures informs us of a much more critical decision. Even after we have made our choice it can be very difficult to live by. In this part of the scriptures Paul makes a great distinction between walking in the flesh and walking in the Spirit. The Greek word for flesh is σάρξ (sarx) and it is the covering of our bodies, it carries the meaning of that which is prone to sin. I don't like that! But the truth is the truth. The truth of the matter is that you and I are prone to sin. Everyday and even all day we are faced with making a choice of walking in the flesh or walking in the spirit of the One True Living God.

The Greek word for walk is περιπατέω (peripateo). It means to make one's way, to make due use of opportunities, to regulate one's life. If you and I decide to walk in the flesh, if we decide to live for the flesh, if we decide to satisfy the flesh, the bible tells us that we are in opposition to the Spirit of the Living God! If you and I make a decision to live in the flesh then my friend we cannot walk in the power of Almighty God! Please do not fool yourself into believing that you can live a life to satisfy the flesh and walk in God's amazing power! The power to raise Jesus from the grave is yours and mine for the asking! On this side of the resurrection we are heirs to the riches of Heaven. This power is available to us. If the spirit of God is in you and I it is impossible to remain in the mode of satisfying the flesh without the Holy Spirit telling you that you are in dangerous territory. Do not ignore His warning. Make the decision today, right now to walk in the Spirit of the Living God!!!