



# Talk it Over

PASTOR DAVE - ROMANS 13:8-14 SUMMARY – 4/26/26

## **KEY SCRIPTURE**

### **Romans 13:8–14 (NASB)**

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

9 For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

## **START TALKING**

What is your favorite worship song? Why?

## **START DISCUSSING**

### **LOVE AND HOLINESS BELONG TOGETHER**

#### **Read Romans 13:8-14**

Pastor Dave stressed that Christians often drift into one of two errors: compromising holiness in the name of love, or compromising love in the name of holiness. Scripture calls us to both at the same time.

**Why is it easy to separate love and holiness?**

**What does “love without holiness” usually look like?**

**What does “holiness without love” usually look like?**

### **MAKE NO PROVISION FOR THE FLESH**

The sermon stressed that believers should not make sin easy. We should not arrange life in a way that feeds temptation or gives it room to grow.

**What does it mean to “make provision” for the flesh?**

**What are some wise ways to make sin harder and obedience easier?**

### **THE PROGRESSION OF TEMPTATION TOWARD SIN**

The steps in the progression of sin:

**Casual Thoughts** — A passing idea enters your mind; you are not yet attached to it.

**Obsessive Thoughts** — You dwell on the idea; it begins to occupy your attention repeatedly.

**Desire / Lust** — The thought stirs a craving; you begin to want what you've been dwelling on.

**Action** — You act on the desire; the line is crossed from internal to external.

**Habit** — The action is repeated; it becomes a pattern woven into your behavior.

**Bondage** — The habit controls you; what once seemed like a choice now feels like a chain.

**At what point does it become sin?**

**How do we fight the battle at the casual thought?**

**Discuss how we can find our way back to victory when we find ourselves deeper into the progression.**

### **DEBT, DUTY, AND DELIGHT**

A key part of the sermon was the three motivations for serving God.

**Debt:** He has done so much for me

**Duty:** I belong to Him and will give an account

**Delight:** He is the joy and treasure of my life.

**Which motivation do you most naturally live from?**

**Why are debt and duty valid but incomplete?**

**Why is delight so central to a healthy Christian life?**

**What happens when someone serves God only from duty?**

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Where in my life do I most need to stop making provision for the flesh and start putting on the Lord Jesus Christ?