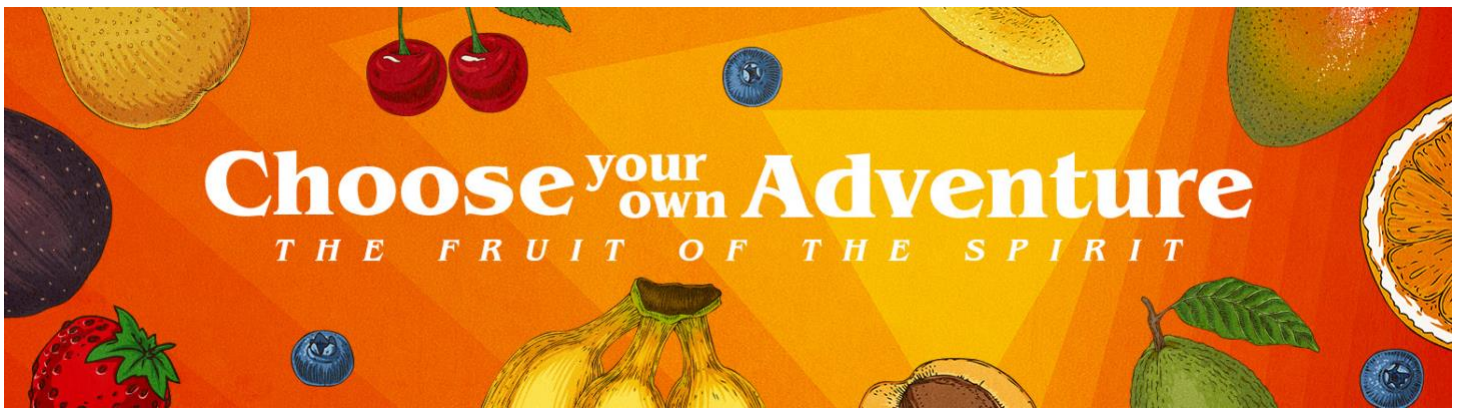




Bible study for the week starting August 23, 2026

SHARE

What is the difference between spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit? What gifts are unique to you?

LEADERSHIP —ADMINISTRATION —TEACHING —KNOWLEDGE —WISDOM —PROPHECY
 DISCERNMENT —EXHORTATION —SHEPHERDING —FAITH —EVANGELISM —APOSTLESHIP
 SERVICE/HELPS —MERCY —GIVING —HOSPITALITY

How do you exercise those gifts for the sake of the kingdom? Pick 2 or three that most identify with.
 How have you seen the Fruit of the Spirit transform the way you use your gift?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Colossians 1:10** How does Paul encourage the church to walk?
 - a. Why are these important? How do you embody these words?
2. Read **John 14: 23-27** What peace does world give? And what peace does Jesus give? How do they differ?
3. Read **Exodus 17:1-7** Israelites are impatient after God rescues them. Waiting for the fulfilled promise... What do they do? What are we waiting for God to do? How is he present in the waiting?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:1-6** God calls us and while we are different wants us to walk as one.
 - a. When have you seen unity like this? Why don't we see it more in the church?

PRAY g

Pray that we would continue to abide and with our gifts and His fruit and we grow in the peace and patience the Spirit provides.



CHOOSE PEACE AND PATIENCE

Exodus 17:1-7; John 14:23-27; Ephesians 4:1-6

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“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: **BEARING FRUIT** in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;” -

Colossians 1:10

Spiritual **GIFTS** vs. Spiritual **FRUIT**

“The fruit of the Spirit wasn’t intended to be a **LIST OF GOALS** for us to produce – it is the Holy Spirit through us who produces fruit.”

Dan Kimball

“You keep him in perfect **PEACE** whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”

Isaiah 26:3

- 1) Peace is not just the **REWARD** at the end of your waiting.
 - 2) Peace can’t be **FOUND** in family, friends, or finances.
 - 3) No Jesus, No Peace...**KNOW** Jesus, know Peace.

“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with **PATIENCE**.”

- Romans 8:25

- 1) Patience can’t be the **ONE** fruit you don’t have.
 - 2) **IMPATIENCE** is the bitter fruit of unmet expectations.
 - 3) Patience is long-suffering that deepens the **SOUL**.

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with **PATIENCE**, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **PEACE**.” -

Ephesians 4:1-3