



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Living by Faith, Not by Effort

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Highlighted Scripture

Galatians 3:1–6

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified.

Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

just as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness?”

Discussion Questions

- 1. Paul asks why believers would start in faith but try to finish by their own effort. Why do you think people often fall into this pattern?**
- 2. What does it mean to “begin by the Spirit” in your own walk with Christ?**

- 3. Randy says he does not want God as his co-pilot, but as his pilot. What does that look like in daily life?**
- 4. Why is it tempting to rely on our performance instead of trusting God's grace?**
- 5. How does Abraham's example of faith challenge the idea that we earn God's approval?**

Reflection Challenge

Examine where you place your trust:

Am I relying more on my effort than on God's grace?

Do I measure my faith by performance or by trust?

Am I truly letting God lead my life?

Remember:

✨ **Salvation begins with faith**

✨ **Growth continues by faith**

✨ **God leads those who trust Him**

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for saving me by Your grace and not by my works.

Forgive me for the times I try to rely on my own strength.

Help me walk by faith and trust in Your Spirit each day.

Teach me to follow You fully and humbly.

Be the pilot of my life, not just a passenger.

Strengthen my faith and deepen my dependence on You.

Amen.

