

NEXT STEPS SUNDAY | LIFE NOTES

Galatians 5:25 NIV – Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Galatians 5:25 "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Ephesians 5:8 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

1. The Christian walk has two basic steps: Faith and Love.

Faith expresses itself in love.

Galatians 5:6b NIV – The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Love expresses itself in obedience toward God and in service toward others.

1 John 5:3 CEV – We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow.

Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

1. The Christian walk is a partnership. You are not alone.

√ You are partnered with God.

Matthew 11: 29 "Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace."

Philippians 2:13 "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."

√ You are partnered with the body of believers.

Ephesians 4:16 "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."

2. What are your Next Steps?

√ We provide four environments to help you take your Next Steps:

1. Large Group so you can take next steps in knowing God.
2. Small Group so you can take next steps in finding freedom.
3. Growth Track so you can begin taking next steps in discovering purpose.
4. Dream Team so you can take next steps in making a difference.
5. If you have not been involved in one or more of these, then your next step is probably to start getting involved in those areas.