

The Empowered Life - Empowered: Week 4

Romans 8:1-17 – May 10, 2026

- Lens #1: Spiritual Gifts
 - Spiritual gifts are given when we become a Christian
 - Spiritual gifts can work in tandem with our natural talents and acquired skills
- Lens #2: Spiritual Disciplines
 - Spiritual practices are all for every believer
 - Some practices feel like swimming downstream
 - Others are swimming upstream
- Jesus encountered the Father in the spiritual disciplines
 - And Jesus was empowered minister through His gifts by the Spirit
- Lens #3: Fruit of the Spirit
 - *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - This is the character of Jesus being formed in us
 - He wants us to bear His name in the world as His witnesses
 - It's about staying connected to the Source
- Lens #4: Moves of the Spirit
 - Those times when God sovereignly chooses to draw near to His people and manifest His presence
 - “the acceleration of the normal work of God in the church and in the conversion of sinners.”
- The Image that Appears: The Empowered Life
 - This is the overlap between spiritual gifts, spiritual disciplines, the fruit of the Spirit, and moves of the Spirit
 - In Romans 8 Paul draws a sharp distinction between life in the flesh and life in the Spirit
 - Life in the Spirit and the Spirit living in us is the evidence that we belong to Jesus
 - *Romans 8:11*
 - We are co-heirs with Christ with a right to inherit and possess all that belongs to God
 - It's a conditional promise
- We have to bring our lives into alignment with the way of Jesus