

Seven Sermon Series - Part 5: Walk in Line

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Proverbs 6:18 "...feet that are quick to rush into evil,"

1. One of the praise and worship songs we sang today was Chain Breaker. As you review the lyrics, what portion of the song is your favorite or speaks to your heart?

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to feel the same old holes inside  
There's a better life  
There's a better life

If you've got pain  
He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost  
He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains  
He's a chain breaker

We've all search for the light of day in the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight  
We've all run to things we know just ain't right  
And there's a better life  
There's a better life

If you've got pain  
He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost  
He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you've got chains  
He's a chain breaker

If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify

If you believe it  
If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify, testify

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If you receive it  
If you can feel it  
Somebody testify

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2. As a means to keep your feet from running into evil, Adam shared the following acronym:

S - Start  
T- Today  
O - Off  
P - Praying

**Question:** How does being aware of God's presence through prayer keep us from sinning as believers?

**Answer:** When you realize you belong to God, that your life is not your own, that your life was bought at a great price, that your Lord is always with you, and you are aware of His presence, it is much more difficult to sin. Praying at all times, at the beginning of the day, throughout your day, and at the end of the day, which means just fellowshiping with Jesus by talking with Him, expressing your love to Him, seeking His help, etc., keeps you in his presence.

3. 1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

Adam's statement: NO temptation you face is greater than the God who lives within you.

**Question:** Can you share a testimony or story of God's faithfulness and power to provide you a way of escape to keep your feet from running into sin?

Adam's statement: There is no past, present, or future sin that is greater than the power of the cross of Jesus Christ.

**Question:** What exactly is the power of the cross of Jesus Christ?

**Answer:** The cross of Christ is an all-inclusive cross. When Jesus was crucified, he included us in His death on the cross to do away with everything of the old creation, in order to bring in his new creation life through His resurrection from the dead. We must have our eyes opened by the Holy Spirit to receive this revelation that we have already been crucified with Christ, that we died on the cross when Jesus died on the cross. If his death is past, our death is past and we are no longer slaves to sin, but alive from the dead, in order to live a new life unto God. We live now for, by, and unto Jesus Christ for the glory of His kingdom rule. We can never hope to keep our feet from sin without **seeing** we are already dead to ourselves and have been raised with Christ in His resurrection. The Christian life is no mere process of behavior modification or sin management, but living by a glorious new life not our own. ***Have you seen that you were crucified with Christ and raised to new life with Him?***

See passages below for additional scriptural sources.

Romans 6:6 "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin..."

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

4. Adam shared, "You are not in the fight alone."

**Question:** Reviewing Jesus' words from John 14, how does our Father help us overcome the works of the flesh and live by the fruit of the Spirit as stated in Galatians 5:13-24 (passage printed below)?

**Answer:** The Holy Spirit is God with us, the presence of Jesus Christ on the earth in us as His Body on the earth. While walking the earth during His incarnation as God in the flesh, Jesus as the Son of Man could only be present with His disciples and followers in one geographic location. However, once Jesus was crucified and raised to life, Jesus became a life-giving spirit. Whereas Jesus was once only receivable in person in one geographic location (Palestine), now Jesus can be received in the spirit through the Holy Spirit, anywhere on the earth.

1 Corinthians 15:45 – "So it is written: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit."

As Jesus declared in **John 14:16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever...**26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Refer to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 for clarifying words - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ for you. **Do not quench** the Spirit."

Since we were included in Christ's mighty all-inclusive death, we have been released from the power of sin and are free to follow Him! However, though free, we must continually look to the Lord Jesus' life within us in the Holy Spirit in order to not indulge our flesh, but rather serve one another in love.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh<sup>[a]</sup>; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your

neighbor as yourself.”<sup>[b]</sup> 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever<sup>[c]</sup> you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.