



Week 8



Day 1: Freedom to Love

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-14

Devotional:

When you think of “freedom,” what comes to mind? Maybe summer vacation with no homework, being able to choose your favorite ice cream flavor, or having time to play outside without rules. Freedom is exciting!

But Paul reminds us that the freedom Jesus gives is even better. Jesus sets us free from sin and selfishness so we can live a new way. Instead of only thinking about ourselves, we can use our freedom to love and serve others.

Imagine if you had a superpower that let you always choose kindness over meanness. That’s what God’s Spirit does inside of us. We don’t have to be stuck doing what we want all the time—we can learn to put others first. The greatest way to use our freedom is to love our neighbors as ourselves. Think about how you like to be treated. Do you like it when someone shares with you, listens to you, or includes you in a game?

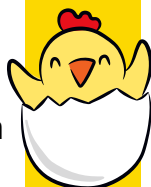
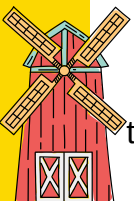
That’s how God wants us to treat others. Our freedom isn’t for selfishness, it’s for love!

Discussion:

1. How can we use our freedom to show love at home? At school? With friends?
2. When was a time you chose to do something selfless and loving? How did it feel?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for setting me free through Jesus. Help me to use my freedom to love others and be selfless. Amen.



Welcome to week 8 of our On The Farm devo!! This is the last week of our series.

We have LOVED walking through the fruits of the Spirit with you. As you walk through this week’s devo, I’d encourage you to ask the Lord what fruit He is highlighting to you that you might need some extra work on. He will help and equip you!



Day 2: The Fruit of the Spirit

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional:

Have you ever planted a seed? At first it looks like nothing is happening. But slowly, under the dirt, roots start to grow. Then, one day, a tiny green sprout pops up. After weeks of sunshine and water, the plant grows bigger and eventually produces fruit or flowers. Paul says that when we believe in Jesus, God plants His Spirit in our hearts. And just like a tree grows fruit, the Spirit grows “fruit” in us. But this isn’t apples, oranges, or bananas—it’s love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This fruit shows people that we belong to Jesus. It’s not something we can just “pretend” to have. We can’t tape an apple to a tree and call it an apple tree! And it isn’t something you can produce. The Spirit is the one who grows real fruit inside us as we stay close to God. Maybe you’ve noticed someone in your life who always seems joyful, even on tough days. Or a friend who is gentle instead of getting angry.

That’s the Spirit’s fruit showing up!

Discussion:

1. Which fruit of the Spirit do you see most in your life right now?
2. Which fruit do you need to ask God for more growth with?

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, thank You for living inside me and growing good fruit in my life. Please help me to be more like Jesus every day and show Your love to others. Amen.

Day 3: Helping Each Other Grow

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:2-8

Devotional:

Have you ever carried something heavy by yourself—like a big backpack or a bag of groceries? It's tough! But when a friend helps carry it, it's not so hard anymore. That's what Paul means when he says, "Carry each other's burdens." Sometimes our burdens are not backpacks or bags but problems, worries, or hard days. When a friend is sad, we can bring them joy. When someone makes a mistake, we can respond with gentleness. When people are tired, we can encourage them.

The fruit of the Spirit isn't just for us to keep—it's meant to be shared! We help each other grow when we live out the fruit together.

Think of it like a garden. If one plant isn't getting enough water, another plant can give shade and help protect it. In the same way, God wants us to care for each other, especially when life feels heavy. Our first gut reaction is often to think for ourselves and do what is best for ourselves and to not consider others. But God wants to grow a servant-hearted attitude in us as we grow in the fruits of the Spirit.

Discussion:

1. Who do you know right now that might be going through something difficult?
2. How can you share the fruit of the Spirit with them this week?

Prayer:

God, thank You for giving me family and friends to walk with me. Show me how I can help others when they are hurting. Amen.

Day 4: Don't Give Up

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9-10

Devotional:

Doing good isn't always easy. Maybe you've tried to be patient with a sibling, but they keep bothering you. Or you've shared with a friend, but they don't share back. After a while, you might feel like giving up.

Paul encourages us: don't give up! Every time we choose to live with love, joy, peace, and all the other fruits of the Spirit, God is doing something bigger than we can see. Just like a farmer waits for crops to grow, we need to keep going, even when it feels slow.

God promises that our efforts will produce a harvest. That means good things will grow in our lives and in the lives of others. Sometimes the results show up right away, and sometimes they take a long time. But God sees every act of love and kindness, and He uses it for His good purposes. God sees the big picture! He sees all the moving pieces of our lives that we don't see or know yet. We can keep pressing forward and growing because we know and can trust that He is good!

Activity:

Plant a seed in a cup of soil (a bean, sunflower, or any seed you have). Water it and place it in sunlight. Each day as you watch it grow, remember that God is growing the fruit of the Spirit in you.

Prayer:

Lord, please give me strength not to give up when it is hard to do good. Remind me that You are working on me. Amen.



Memory Verse

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

