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Series Title: Live By the Spirit

This series is a verse-by-verse study of Romans 8. Many incredible themes and doctrines are woven through this vibrant chapter; we will focus on the relationship we enjoy with the Holy Spirit.

Each week, we will grow in our understanding of how the Holy Spirit effectively makes the Gospel relevant for us. We will learn to cooperate with the Spirit in daily life, to engage in the thoughts and behaviors of a Spirit-led person. The result will be the development of Christian identity, spirituality, and resilience.

Icebreaker Question

What's something you feel significantly more confident doing today than you did five or ten years ago? What changed?

Read Romans 8:31-36

1. Read Romans 8:31-36 together. What words, phrases, or questions stand out to you? Why?
2. Paul asks, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Yet just a few verses later he lists tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword. What do you think Paul means by "who can be against us?" How is that different from saying Christians won't experience difficulty or opposition?
3. In verse 32, Paul points to the cross as the ultimate evidence that God is for us: "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all..." When circumstances make you wonder whether God is really for you, how does looking back at what God has already done in Jesus change your perspective?
4. Paul asks, "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?" and "Who is to condemn?" Where are you most likely to experience a voice of accusation or condemnation – from others, from your own thoughts, from past failures, etc.? How does the truth that God is the one who justifies speak to those voices?
5. Verse 34 says that Jesus died, was raised, is seated at the right hand of God, and is interceding for us right now. What difference could it make this week to remember that Jesus isn't merely someone who did something for you in the past, but someone who is actively for you today?

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

Where in your life do you most need to believe right now that God is for you? Share as you're comfortable, and spend some time praying for one another.

Events

- Lead Pastor Candidation Weekend: September 19-20, Church Meeting on 9/22.
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- Find more information at calvary.church/events