

# overflow

## The Day of Surrender

Ephesians 5:15-21

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*The Bible is a big book. Listen to what Paul says in the book of Ephesians about the key to living the Christian life, the key to following Christ.*

### Paul says that the Holy Spirit: (compare to John 14-17)

- Guarantees our place in Christ 1:13-14; 4:30
- Enables us to approach God the Father 2:18
- Lives within us 2:22
- Empowers us to live as God has called us to live 3:16
- Enables us to live together in harmony (unity) 4:3-4
- Guarantees our place in heaven 4:30
- Provides protection 6:17-18

### What is the key to living the Christian life?

1. Wake up! There is a battle going on. (5:14-16)
2. Choose wisely!  
What is God asking you to do? (5:17)
3. Surrender!  
To the control (leading) of the Holy Spirit (5:18-21)

### How do we know when we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

- Joy in your heart that spills out on others (5:19)
- Gratitude to God no matter the circumstance (5:20)
- Submission to one another and to God (5:21)
- The fruit of the Spirit is being produced (Galatians 5:22-23)
- You are imitating God (5:1)

The One Thing: Each day is the day of surrender!

[These notes are also available online at oakwoodnow.org.]

# taking it home

{ notes for small group, family & personal study }  
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## keeping it real

- 1 The concept of voluntary surrender rubs against the grain of our humanity. We cry out like Winston Churchill during World War II, "We will never surrender!" How do you think this stance hinders us in following Christ?

## look at the book

- 2 What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-25 & 16:5-15)? How is it better for us to have the Holy Spirit in us than for us to have Jesus Christ with us?
- 3 What does Galatians 5: 16-25 contribute to your understanding of what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit?
  - a. Describe what it looks like when I am.
  - b. Describe what it looks like when I am not.

## the next step

- 4 We can know much about the Holy Spirit, yet find ourselves choosing to resist Him (Acts 7:51), quench Him (1 Thessalonians 5:19, or grieve Him (Ephesians 4:30). Take some time for self examination and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any way in which you are refusing to surrender to Him.

### my next step this week is to:

- I will surrender to the Holy Spirit each day this week.
- Memorize Ephesians 5:18-21
- Begin to ask the Holy Spirit to work through me.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_