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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

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1. Read Romans 8:35–39 together. Paul says that **"in all these things we are more than conquerors."** What does our culture typically tell us "winning" looks like? How does Paul redefine victory for someone who follows Jesus?

2. Paul doesn't promise that followers of Jesus will avoid suffering; he says we are more than conquerors **"in all these things."** How can knowing this prepare us for suffering or difficulty *before* it comes? How might it change the way you respond to something difficult you're facing right now?

3. Verse 37 says our victory comes **"through him who loved us."** Why is that phrase important? What's the difference between confidence in yourself and the kind of confidence Paul describes here?

4. Paul ends Romans 8 convinced that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love in Christ. If you really knew that **"in your bones," what would it give you confidence to do?** Is there somewhere the Spirit may be leading you that fear, insecurity, comfort, or the possibility of failure has kept you from going?

5. Romans 8 begins with **"no condemnation"** (8:1) and ends with **"no separation"** (8:39). Looking back across the whole chapter and this series, **how has God challenged or encouraged you to "live by the Spirit"?** What's one truth or practice from Romans 8 that you want to carry with you beyond this series?

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

Events

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