

**Outcomes #1**

**Saturday, 6/5/10 – Read Gal 5:13-15**

My Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

A Question to Answer: Lots of people think that freedom has to be balanced by responsibility. The Bible thinks differently. The Bible balances FREEDOM with LOVE. Think about that for a moment. Is love a good balance for freedom? ... When have you felt the Spirit of God inspiring love in your heart? What was that like for you? ... When you feel the Spirit's love, do you feel less free or more free? What's your experience?

**Sunday, 6/6/10 – Read Galatians 5:22-26**

My Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

A Question to Answer: Living close to the Spirit produces a new quality of life -- a life marked by joy, peace, patience, and the rest of the qualities listed in today's reading. These qualities are not requirements or even achievements. We are not promised that we will feel joy in every moment. But staying in touch with God's Spirit does make us more joyful people. Which of these qualities do you yearn for in your life? ... In your prayer today, open your heart to the sweet, gentle breeze of the Spirit -- and ask God's Spirit to awaken within you that quality of living that you yearn for. (Be sure to write down that quality that you identify as your yearning.)

**What do I hear God saying to me today?**

Galatians 5:22-26

**What action do I intend to take this week?**

*Each day this week, take a few minutes. Begin with PRAYER. Then READ through the Bible passage indicated on the inside of this guide. WRITE down your own thoughts, reactions, observations. ANSWER THE QUESTION to begin connecting the Bible with your life. Use additional paper or your own notebook if you need more space to write.*

**Promises & Outcome**

**Monday, 5/31/10 – Read John 14:15-21**

My Observations \_\_\_\_\_

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A Question to Answer: The Bible envisions a new quality of life for the followers of Jesus. This quality of life is the outcome of living with, of living close to the Spirit of God. This week let's look at this new quality of life that is promised to us. ... The first promise is that we won't be left all alone. The "advocate" (or divine "counselor" or "helper") will be with us -- and will make the Risen Jesus himself present to us. ... Do you experience this Divine Presence? Make some notes for yourself today, actually write it down: when do you feel the Spirit present in your life?

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**Tuesday, 6/1/10 – Read John 16:13-15**

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A Question to Answer: The Spirit is our guide -- guiding us into ways that are true, good, real, life-giving. Have you felt a guiding Presence in your life, nudging you into patterns of life that are truly good for you? Think of a recent time when you felt that guidance. Write down what you can remember of that experience.

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**Wednesday, 6/2/10 – Read Romans 8:11**

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A Question to Answer: One of the promises of the Spirit of God is LIFE -- liveliness, vigor, vitality. One of the outcomes of living close to the Holy Spirit is feeling alive. Think of times when you feel especially ALIVE, when you feel VIGOROUS and VITAL. Describe those experiences; write down what those moments in your life are like. As you remember those experiences, feel the energy and notice that that is the Holy Spirit.

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**Thursday, 6/3/10 – Read Romans 8:14-17**

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A Question to Answer: One of the greatest promises of the Holy Spirit is that we will know within ourselves that we are God's kids. The Spirit will "bear witness with our spirits." What word do you use for God? "Abba" ("Papa")? "Lord"? Maybe just "God"? How do you address God? When you speak to God, what feelings are there? Can you feel the Spirit welling up within you and helping you, reassuring you that you are one of God's own? Write down what it's like for you when you speak to God.

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**Friday, 6/4/10 – Read 1 Corinthians 3:17-18**

My Observations: \_\_\_\_\_

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A Question to Answer: Another promise: "where the Spirit is, there is FREEDOM." ... What does freedom mean to you? What's it like to feel FREE? ... See if you can define that for yourself and write down your thoughts.

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