

# Confident Faith: Victory Over Frustration

Sermon Outline – April 30, 2017

Romans 8:4b-17 Luke 15:11-32

1. What difference does the resurrection of Jesus make in our lives now?

- *Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father we too may \_\_\_\_\_ . Romans 6:4b*

2. We have a new life of \_\_\_\_\_ faith where God gives us ...”

- \_\_\_\_\_ from the condemnation of feeling inadequate when we think we are not good enough.
- \_\_\_\_\_ over feeling frustrated when we think we are never going to change.
- \_\_\_\_\_ when feeling despair because life is so hard. We know that in all things God works for our good.
- Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ when feeling alone because it seems that no one cares enough to understand. Nothing can separate us from God.

3. What is something in yourself that you wish would change?

4. If I am a follower of Jesus, I want to change to be more like \_\_\_\_\_.

- This is called spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and it can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spiritual growth is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our spiritual growth to be more like Jesus is a journey that lives in the \_\_\_\_\_ of being both complete and incomplete.
- Spiritual growth is \_\_\_\_\_ to each person.
- Spiritual growth is not \_\_\_\_\_; ups and downs are expected.

5. What is God's answer to our frustration?

Three acts of God to change us described in Romans 8:4b-17:

#1 With God in me, I have a new \_\_\_\_\_. *We do not **live according to** the sinful nature but **according to** the Spirit. Romans 8:4b*

- “live according to” means ...
- “live according to the sinful nature means ...
- “live according to the Spirit” means ...

- A hard reality: We remain in every moment in a tension of being drive by the sinful nature and being driven by God, Holy Spirit.

- I choose the \_\_\_\_\_ according to which I will think and then act
- My choice determines my \_\_\_\_\_.

*Those who live according to the sinful nature **have their minds set** on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit **have the minds set** on what the Spirit desires. Romans 8:5*

- My thinking determines how I will \_\_\_\_\_.
- The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit i life and peace. Romans 8:6*

- Thinking comes before \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ comes before thinking.

#2 With God in me, I have a new \_\_\_\_\_.

*The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those **controlled by** their sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are **controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit**, if the Spirit of God lives in you. Romans 8:7-9a*

- Control:

- Ownership:

*If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9b*

- Obligation:

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, **we have an obligation**—but it is not to the flesh to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:12-13.*

#3 With God in me, I have a new \_\_\_\_\_. *Parable of the Loving Father*

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to God's children. And by him we cry, **“Abba, Father.”** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-17*