

A few points and questions to consider:

Pastor Brad contrasted the repetition of Paul's references to "the Law" in Romans 7 with his emphasis of "the Spirit" in Romans 8. In your own words, express how the realization of living "in the Spirit" instead of "in the Law" is seen in and has impacted your life.

The "mindset" of the regenerate believer is emphasized by Paul in Romans 8:5-7. Our mindset is critical to our growth as Christians and in the battle that we fight that was mentioned in last week's questions / points to ponder. Our mindset is "hidden" from others (except for God) but is ultimately manifested in our words and deeds.

One way to check our mindset is to consider where our thoughts tend to go during our "idle" times. Think about that for a moment and jot down below what thoughts tend to come to mind when you're not focused on a specific task, etc.

Now place a "+" beside those that are pleasing to God, that honor Him and acknowledge Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord, that are looking toward our eternal reward.

Next place an "X" beside those that do not please & honor God, that do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, that are keeping your focus on the temporary things of this life and this earth. Take those things in prayer to God, acknowledging that it's only by the power of the Holy Spirit that these can be put to death (Romans 8:12-15). Call out to your "Abba, Father" for help.

Then take each of the "X" items and look up scripture that addresses these thoughts, these concerns. Write that scripture alongside each. Claim the victory that's found in that scripture and that's promised by your "Abba, Father" as an heir to Him.

Scripture Reading for June 10 Bible Study: Romans 8:18-30

Once again, we encourage you to dig a little deeper into this passage by preparing a HEAR Report. As noted in previous weeks, HEAR is an acronym for Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond.

- Read thru this passage and HIGHLIGHT a verse(s) that you found especially powerful.
- EXPLAIN the verse. What was the context and purpose for what was written and when it was written.
- APPLY the verse to yourself
- Lastly, RESPOND to the verse. Maybe there are changes God wants you to make in your life w.r.t. the verse. Or your response may be a prayer to God. It may be praising Him. However you feel led to respond.

As has been pointed out by others, the goal isn't for you / me to jot down a "profound truth" but to note the "truth you found."

Please email us and let us know how this passage spoke to you. Also let us know if you have any general comments, suggestions, etc. for this midweek Bible study program. *We want and need to hear from you.* Email address: connect@madisonavenuebc.org

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H.E.A.R. REPORT for _____ (Bible passage).

Highlight a verse(s)

Explain what the text means.

Possible questions to consider: *Why was this written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses immediately before and after it? Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book? What is He intending to communicate through this text?*

Apply "the significance of these verses to you personally"

Possible questions to consider: *How can this help me? What does this mean to me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What does this mean to me? How does this apply to my family, my church family, my community? What is God saying to me?*

Respond

Matthew 7:7 (ESV), "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Source: Growing Up, Robby Gallaty