

Set on Fire

How Not to Give In to Sin

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This week we continued the Set on Fire series by learning that victory over sin is not about trying harder through willpower, but about living from our new identity in Christ, submitting ourselves to God, and walking daily with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Israel used the illustration of someone sweating while pushing a car that already has a working engine. Many Christians fight sin this way — relying on self-effort instead of using the new life and power God has already given them through Jesus.

Romans 6 reminds us that our old sinful self died with Christ. Sin is no longer our master. Through the Holy Spirit, we now have the power to walk in freedom step by step.

The message challenged us to stop identifying ourselves by our failures, temptations, and weaknesses, and instead live as children of God who are already fighting from victory, not for victory.

A: Know Who You Really Are

Romans 6:11

“So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.”

Victory begins with identity.

Paul teaches that being dead to sin is not a feeling — it is a spiritual reality we must believe and live daily.

Sin no longer defines us.

In Christ:

* We are forgiven

* We are children of God

* Sin is no longer our master

B: Submit First, Then Resist

James 4:7

“So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

The order matters:

1. Submit to God
2. Resist the enemy

We cannot fight temptation effectively without first placing ourselves under God’s authority and protection.

C: Feed the Spirit, Not the Flesh

Just as healthy food strengthens good bacteria in the body, feeding our spirit with God’s presence strengthens us spiritually.

The more we walk closely with God:

- * The weaker temptation becomes
- * The less attractive sin appears
- * The stronger our spiritual life grows

D: Walk by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16

“Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t

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be doing what your sinful nature craves.”

Walking by the Spirit is not a one-time emotional experience. It is daily, step-by-step dependence on God.

Freedom is maintained through consistency and closeness to Jesus.

Key Verses

Romans 6:11

Consider yourselves dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Galatians 5:16

Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.

Romans 6:14

Sin is no longer your master.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. Have you ever tried to solve a problem through effort when there was actually a better solution?

2. Why do you think people often try to fight sin only through willpower?

3. When someone asks “Who are you?”, what is the first thing that usually comes to your mind?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

4. What does it mean to be “dead to sin and alive to God”?

5. Why is identity so important in overcoming temptation?

6. What is the difference between fighting for victory and fighting from victory?

Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

7. Share a moment when you realized you could not overcome something on your own strength.

8. Has there been a season when walking closely with God helped weaken temptation in your life?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

9. Check Your ID: Every morning this week, declare:

“I am a child of God, forgiven and alive in Christ.”

10. Submit First: Before facing temptation, stop and pray before reacting.

11. Walk by the Spirit: Replace one unhealthy habit this week with intentional time in prayer, worship, or Scripture.

Praying

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that through Jesus we are no longer slaves to sin, but sons and daughters welcomed into Your family.

Teach us to stop relying on our own strength and help us walk daily in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remind us of who we are in Christ, and help us submit every area of our lives to You.

Strengthen us to walk in freedom step by step, living from the victory Jesus has already won.

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In Jesus' name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer!
- HOP every friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry. Link: <https://contribua.pibcuritiba.org.br/produtos/paginaproduto/135>