



WE ARE

christ-centered • spirit-empowered • mission-focused

WHAT MAKES US, US?

ALLIANCE CANADA VISION PRAYER

*O God, with all our hearts, we long for You.
Come, transform us to be Christ-centred,
Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people,
multiplying disciples everywhere.*

ROMANS 7:24-25

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

GUSTAVE THIBONE

You feel you are hedged in; you dream of escape; but beware of mirages. Do not run or fly away in order to get free...If you fly away from yourself, your prison will run with you.

**A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE:
EXPERIENCES FREEDOM
TRANSFORMS DESIRES**

**A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE:
EXPERIENCES FREEDOM VS. 1-4**

ROMANS 8:1-4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,

ROMANS 8:1-4

God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**HOW DOES SPIRIT-EMPOWERED
FREEDOM WORK? TRANSFORMATION
OF DESIRES.**

**A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE
TRANSFORMS DESIRES VS. 5-9**

ROMANS 8:5-8

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

**FLESH - DISORDERED DESIRES;
PRIMAL AND ANIMALISTIC DRIVES
FOR SELF-GRATIFICATION; INSTINCTS
FOR POWER, DOMINATION AND
CONTROL**

LESLIE JAMISON, The Recovering

Addiction is always a story that has already been told, because it inevitably repeats itself, because it grinds down – ultimately, for everyone – to the same demolished and reductive and recycled core: Desire. Use. Repeat.

ROMANS 8:5-8

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**SPIRIT - A YIELDED LIFE TO GOD
AND UNDER THE GUIDANCE
AND CONTROL OF THE SPIRIT
EXPERIENCING THE FRUIT, LIFE,
PEACE, AND GOODNESS OF GOD**

LESLIE JAMISON, *The Recovering*

I needed to believe in something stronger than my willpower ... This willpower was a fine-tuned machine, fierce and humming, and it had done plenty of things – gotten me straight A's, gotten my papers written, gotten me through cross-country training runs –

LESLIE JAMISON, The Recovering

but when I'd applied it to drinking, the only thing I felt was that I was turning my life into a small, joyless clenched fist. The Higher Power that turned sobriety into more than deprivation was simply not me. That was all I knew.

ROMANS 8:5-8

⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.⁷

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

JOHN MARK COMER, Live no Lies

Therefore, we must run every habit, every thought, every relationship – everything – through this simple grid:

- o Does this sow to my flesh or the Spirit?*
- o Will this make me more enslaved or more free?*
- o More beastly or more human?*

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR KAC?

- 1. We pray for a special move of the Spirit amongst us.**
- 2. We live out the fruits of the Spirit.**
- 3. We employ the gifts of the Spirit.**
- 4. We re-present Jesus to our city and world through the power of the Spirit.**