



## Day 13: COURAGE TO LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

### Scripture Reading:

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Acts 9:17 (ESV)

Galatians 5:16-25 (ESV)

### Observation:

I cannot imagine going to the house of an enemy. But, that is exactly what God asked Ananias to do. Saul, who later was called Paul, was an enemy. He persecuted Christians and had a reputation that everyone knew, but when Jesus visited him on the road to Damascus, Paul's life changed. In a vision, Ananias was asked by the Lord to visit Paul and lay hands upon him and pray. Ananias found the courage in Christ to go to the house of an enemy and pray for him so that Paul could be healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

One day while walking my dog, I notice that my very unfriendly neighbor, one who had caused nothing but problems, needed help. In my flesh, I did not want to go. But walking in the Spirit of Christ, I made my way over and helped him. I heard later from another neighbor that the neighbor who I helped had commented to them that maybe there is something to Tom's Christianity!

### Application:

- Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If not, find the courage to begin to seek God for the Gift that Jesus promised.
- Living by the Spirit is not living in the flesh. Give some examples where you had the courage to walk by the Spirit instead of the flesh.



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