

My notes from Sunday's message continued...

The Christian life is a life formed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, from beginning to end.

The answer to repeated failure isn't trying harder. It's learning to surrender.

Surrender isn't passive. It's responsive.

What am I still trying to control? What am I still trying to change in my own strength?

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In ____ We Trust

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WALKING *with the* SPIRIT

OCTOBER 11, 2026 ~ ERIC WAYMAN
Why Trying Harder Isn't Working

ACTS 18:1-18

Maturity is becoming secure enough that being corrected doesn't threaten me.

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

PROVERBS 12:15 NIV

Am I still teachable?

In Acts, Luke isn't providing us with a step-by-step formula. Rather, he's making sure we understand that the Holy Spirit is essential to the Christian life.

If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

ROMANS 8:9B NIV

Continue taking notes on the back!



For group discussion the week of October 11

This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join a Life Group and do this study together!

1. Have you ever tried really hard to change a habit or improve something about yourself, only to find yourself falling back into old patterns? What was that experience like?
2. This week's message was ***Why Trying Harder Isn't Working***. Let's read Acts 18:24–26 and Acts 19:1–7. Was there a part of the message that stood out to you or that God called your attention to?
3. Apollos was knowledgeable and gifted, but he was also humble enough to recognize he still had more to learn. Let's read Proverbs 12:15. What makes it difficult for us to remain teachable, especially when we think we already know the answers?
4. God promised His people something greater than simply knowing and obeying His commands. Let's read Ezekiel 36:26–27. What do these verses teach us about God's role in transforming our lives?
5. Sometimes we approach the Christian life by trying harder rather than relying on the Holy Spirit. Let's read Galatians 5:16–18. What does it look like in everyday life to walk by the Spirit instead of depending on our own strength?
6. The message reminded us that surrender isn't passive; it's responsive. **What is one area of your life where you sense God inviting you to stop trying to control things and begin trusting the Holy Spirit to lead you?**
7. How can we pray for you this week?

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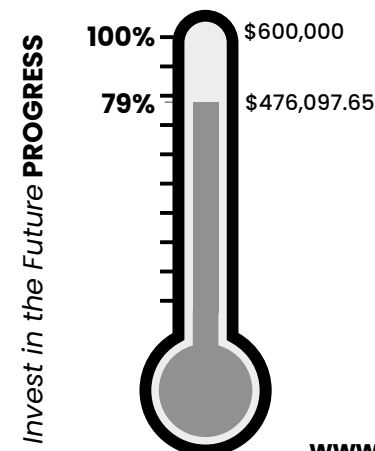
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