

Penns Valley Charge of the United Methodist Church

Worship Service for Sunday, July 12, 2020 – Lines open at 9:30am with worship at 9:45am

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Communities Remember

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

MESSAGE A Love Story

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMISSION & BLESSING

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AT HOME STUDY FOR THE WEEK: Galatians 5:1, 13-26

Paul states to the Galatians they were “*called to freedom*” (5:1). What does that mean?

*[freedom from the tyranny of sin and selfishness; freedom to love and serve (5:1)]*

How does that differ from political freedom?

*[Political freedom or liberty has to do with freedom from the oppression and tyranny of the government. Liberty also contains the sense of responsibility to uphold the virtues of justice and the pursuit of happiness.]*

Create two lists; one that is a description of what it looks like to be “guided by the flesh” or selfishness (based on the scripture) and another list for being “guided by the Spirit. What do you notice about the contrast between the two lists?

*[The first list contains acts that spring from independence (in the negative sense) and selfish pleasure; they promote division. The second list are virtues that promote interdependence, shared or communal pleasures, and can be done only by the Spirit's power.]*

It is easy to look at these lists and think about how others are “guided by the flesh” or are selfish, while we consider ways we fit descriptions of those who are guided by the Spirit.

How might you work on being more guided by the Spirit? How might you speak a word of confession about how you struggle with being guided by the flesh or are selfish? *[First know that we all do!]*.

Read verses 22-23. Why do you think that “Fruit” is singular in verse 22? *[All are summed up in the word 'love.']*

How does freedom from sin enable us to more freely love God and others?