

WINNING THE BATTLE INSIDE ME

The Invisible War - Part 2

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ROMANS 7:15-25 (LB) THE COST OF THE BATTLE

1. _____
"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to--what I hate." Vs. 15
2. _____
"I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking." Vs. 16
3. _____
"But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am, that makes me do these evil things." Vs. 17
4. _____
"I know I am rotten inside as far as my old sinful nature is concerned." Vs. 18a
5. _____
"No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't! When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway! Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp." Vs. 18b-20
6. _____
"It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong...In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin." Vs. 21 +23

THE CAUSE: I HAVE TWO NATURES!

"I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there's something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me." Vs. 21 +23

"So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in!" Vs. 24a

GOD'S BATTLE PLAN FOR MY VICTORY

1. _____
"Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Rom. 7:24-25 (NLT)

"Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires...Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life." Rom. 6:12-13 (NLT)

"For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious cycle of sin." Rom. 8:2 (Ph)
2. _____
"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8 (NIV)
 - Behind every self-defeat act is _____
 - To stop defeating myself, I must: _____"When you know the truth, the truth will set you free." John 8:32 (NIV)
3. _____
"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen." James 5:16 (NCV)
"Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't do what your sinful nature craves." Gal. 5:16 (NLT)