

A Voyage To A New Day



I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Romans 7:15-24 (NLT)

The Battle Against Our Sin Nature

- Our Enemy Tailors It's Attack to Our Weaknesses
- The Objective Is Bondage and Destruction

Warning Signs That we Are Vulnerable

- Hurt
- Angry
- Lonely
- Tired

Winning the Battle

• God's Initiative

Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.... So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. Romans 7:25a; 8:1-4 (NLT)

• Our Cooperation

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:12-14 (NLT)

For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!" God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children. Romans 8:15-16 (TEV)

My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Trust Jesus with my life so I can win the battle.
- Acknowledge the battle that is waging in my life.
- Recognize the warning signs and take decisive action.
- Express thanks to God for his initiative for me through Jesus Christ.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Romans 8:15-16