



WHY AM I STILL STRUGGLING?

ROMANS 7:1-25 * APRIL 23, 2023

AVOIDING THE TEMPTATION

- ① Change your _____, as in, physically move (flee from temptation)! (2 TIMOTHY 2:22)
- ② Do something else; almost _____ will do (also include a godly element). (JAMES 1:17)
- ③ Express _____ for the freedom to choose Him over wrongdoing. (COLOSSIANS 3:15-17)
- ④ Try to recognize what _____ the temptation and take _____ steps to steer clear of the same situation.
- ★ Don't ask, "Is it _____?" Instead ask, "Is it the _____ thing to do?" (1 CORINTHIANS 10:23)

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAW

ROMANS 7:1-13

In Paul's application of the marriage partner illustration, it is not _____ that died; it is us, the _____, who died.

The Law reveals our _____ condition of sin; it also reveals how much I _____ my sin and how much I would do _____!

THE CALAMITOUS CONSEQUENCES OF MISUNDERESTIMATING THE TRAITOR WITHIN

ROMANS 7:14-25

- ❶ We'll be _____ by sin. (1 CORINTHIANS 10:12)
- ❷ We'll focus on _____ others. (JAMES 1:13-16)
- ❸ We'll become _____ and _____.
- ❹ We'll create a culture of _____ and _____ (1 JOHN 1:8-10; JAMES 5:16)

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Recall a time you felt strongly tempted to do something you knew was wrong? What about it was so tempting?
2. We often don't understand how subtle temptation is. Temptation takes us through a series of small compromises and/or unwise decisions until we are enticed into sinning. How could the following passages help prepare you to deal with any temptations that may come your way? (Galatians 6:7-10; Romans 6:12-13; Hebrews 2:17-18)
3. Read Romans 7:1-13. How is the principle "that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives" pictured by marriage? How does this apply to our relationship with the Law and with Christ?
4. Why do God's laws arouse our sinful desires? If the law causes so much difficulty for the believer, why didn't God eliminate it? What useful purpose does it serve to us today?
5. Read Romans 7:14-25. Explain why Paul feels so wretched. In Romans 6 Paul stated that Christians are no longer slaves to sin. Yet here he claims he is a slave to sin (verse 14). How would you explain this difference?
6. How can a person's anguish and frustration with sin be beneficial (see verses 24-25)? Why is it important to realize that only Christ can rescue us from the power of sin?