

**The Book of Romans**  
**Winning The War Within**  
**Romans 7:1 - 8:1**

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- Humanity is a jacked up hot mess in desperate need of God's grace and mercy – we need a Savior and his name is Jesus
- We may be good people, but we cannot be good enough – we are made right with God thru faith in Jesus Christ alone
- In Jesus we have a new identity – we are liberated from the grip of sin and death - the power of God lives in us
- This truth is a game-changer that should reshape every aspect of our lives





# Romans 7:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.



# Romans 7:1-6

<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.



# Romans 7:1-6

<sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.



# Romans 7:1-6

<sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.



# Romans 7:7 - 8:1

<sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I



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<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.



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<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.



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<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.



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<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.



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<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.



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<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



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8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.





# A TALE OF TWO TODDLERS





# **Winning The War Within**

**Eyes on Jesus  
Not Anyone or Anything Else**



# Winning The War Within

If I do not **know** what God says and **talk with him** about what he says,  
I will not **think about** what he says, **contend with** what he says, **chose to believe** what he says, **apply** what he says, **benefit** from what he says, and **become more confident** in what he says.



# **Winning The War Within**

**Enjoy Happiness (when it happens)  
But Do Not Pursue It  
Build Your Hope in God**



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Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Heb. 10:23 NLT



# Winning The War Within

...knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5



# Winning The War Within

Preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope fully** on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:13



# Winning The War Within

My **hope** is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.



# Winning The War Within

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.



# Winning The War Within

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is **all my hope and stay.**



# Winning The War Within

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.



