

Sermon Questions

Sin: A Lifelong Battle for the Believer
Romans 7:13–25
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CONNECT

- Can you remember a sermon that had a large spiritual impact on you? What was it?

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- Read Romans 7:13-25. We find out in our sermon that some believe Paul's comments NOT to be autobiographical. If that were true, how would it lessen this passage's impact?
- Have you been affected by the ripple effects of someone else's sin? Can you name any ripple effects of your own sin? Have you brought this to the Lord in confession?
- Do you think an unbeliever would be surprised to know a Christ-follower still struggles with sin?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What are some practices you have to help resist temptation? If we are to continually struggle, why should we continue to fight?

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- Gather a list of scriptures to memorize as you do battle!

Sermon Notes

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1. The Christian walk remains a spiritual battle against sin for our entire earthly lives (Romans 7:13–25). Even the most mature Christ-follower still stumbles (sins) and needs to confess sin, and empowered by God's Spirit, repent of sin (1 John 1:8–9).
2. The Christian walk is always a battle against our old sin nature, but we who know Jesus now are indwelt by God's Spirit as we combat sin (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6–7). With God's empowerment, believers can resist sin (1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7; Ephesians 6:12–20). Any Christian who believes that she/he is "too spiritual" to fall in certain areas of temptation believes foolishly (1 Corinthians 10:13).
 - a. We need to daily ask God to empower us to turn from sin (Ephesians 6:10–18).
 - b. We need to avoid places where we face temptations (Proverbs 4:14–15; 2 Timothy 2:22).
 - c. Build accountability into one's life—we need the support of other Christ-followers (Hebrews 10:24–25).
 - d. Memorize scripture that corresponds to one's area of temptation (Psalm 119:9–11).