



UNPACKING
LIFE
CONFLICTED

1. Our Standing as Believers in Jesus

We are eternally secure

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
Romans 8:1*

1. Our Standing as Believers in Jesus

We are internally free

because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2

1. Our Standing as Believers in Jesus

We are positionally perfect

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3-4

2. The Reality of the Ongoing Conflict

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

Romans 8:5

We have a life in the flesh

We have a life in the Spirit

2. The Reality of the Ongoing Conflict

We have a life in the flesh

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

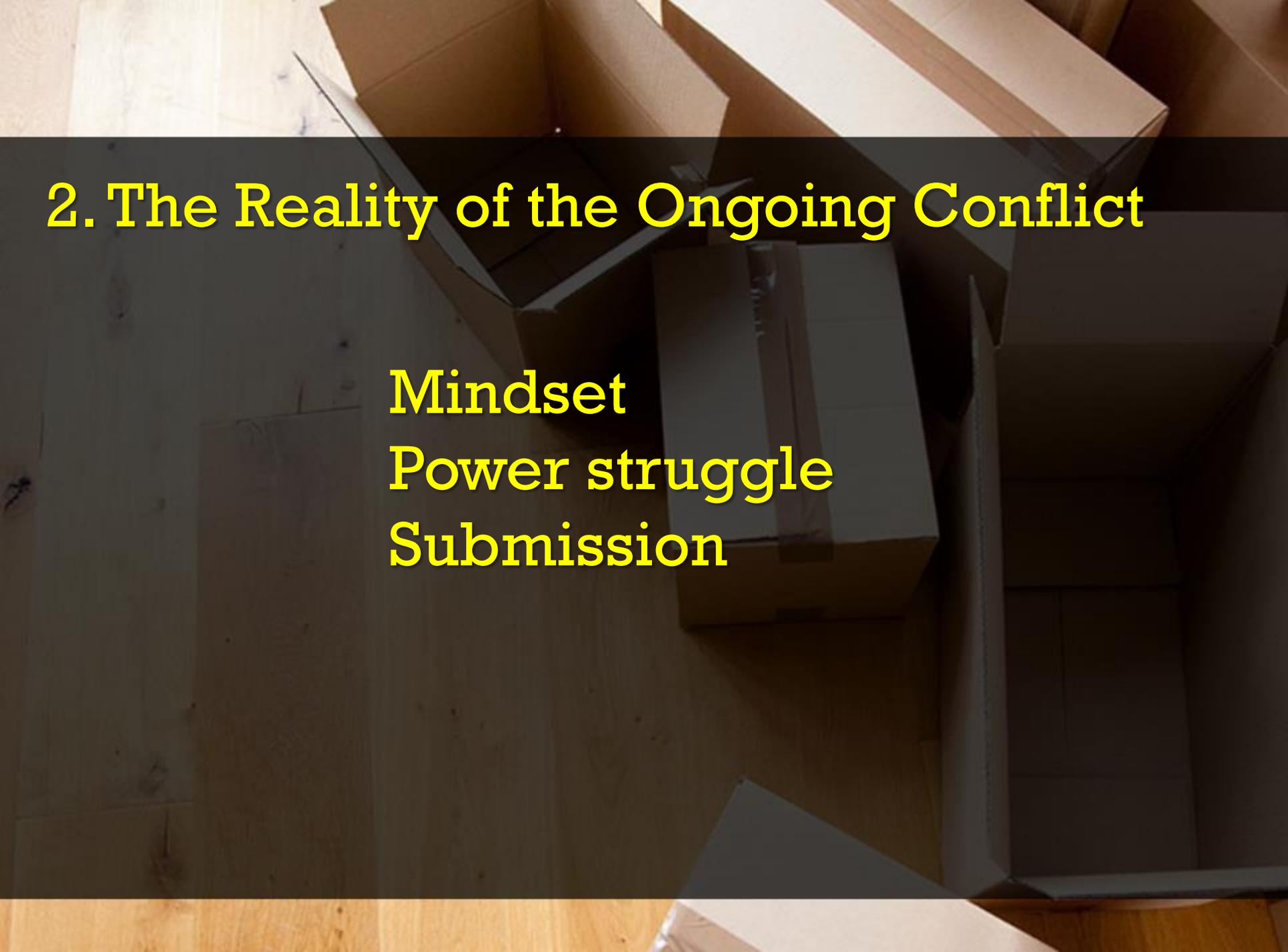
Romans 8:6-8

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We have a life in the Spirit

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-10



2. The Reality of the Ongoing Conflict

Mindset

Power struggle

Submission

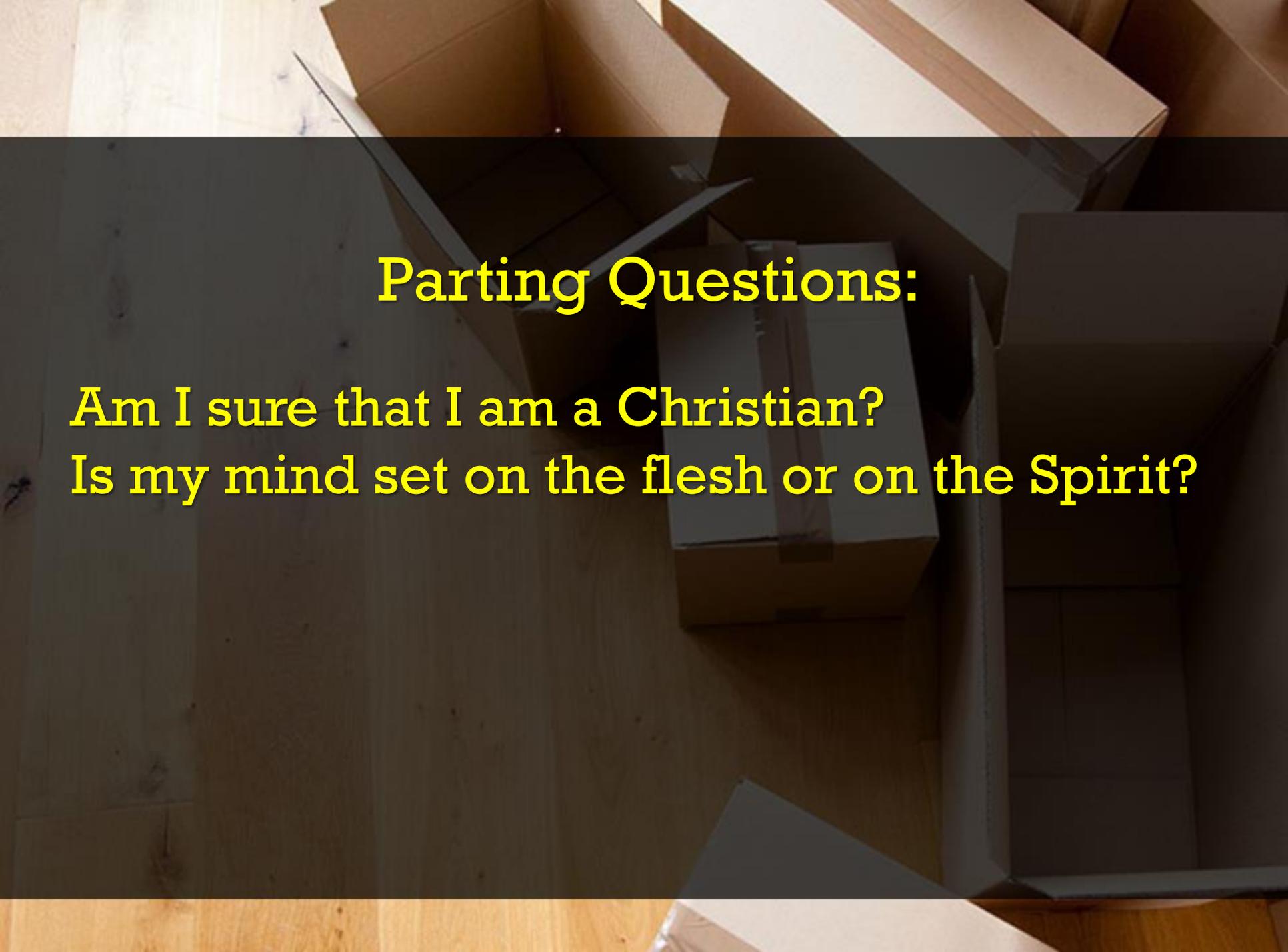
3. Our Obligation

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:12-13

Not to the sinful nature

But to the Spirit who lives inside us



Parting Questions:

Am I sure that I am a Christian?

Is my mind set on the flesh or on the Spirit?



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