“The Battle”
Romans 7:14-25
Olivia Swafford’s VBS Question

2018 VBS
25 kids remained with questions
Olivia Swafford:
“If Jesus saves from sin…”

Spot on!
Jesus Saves! Meaning...

Eternal destination permanently changed!
We are “bound for the promised land”

“I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish” (John 10:28).

“...the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29).
But What About The Here and Now?

Salvation launches a journey of sanctification.

Romans 5:20b – 6:1

The battlefield – the heart
The skirmishes – holiness vs. sin
The Remnant of Sin Smolders...

“...I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15).

* I don’t understand
* I hate what I’ve done

Saved vs. unsaved = **conviction**: I hate this!
The Voices in the Battle

The “World” vs. “The Spirit”

Genesis 3:1 – “Did God really say...”

The Battle is the proof of your rebirth!

Lost are captivated by sin;
The saved = disgusted by sin!
Romans 7:24 – “Who will save me?”
How Sinful Desires Flourish

James 1:14-15: “carried away enticed, lust conceived, gives birth to sin, brings death”
* Recognize “ignition” of the flesh
* Confession
* Repentance
* “I die daily” (1 Corinthians 15:31)
Teaching Our VBS Kids:  
God Won’t Allow Sin in Heaven

The Spirit of God **repudiates sin** wherever found!

**Process:**
* Spirit bears witness, points to Jesus
* brings conviction = “proven guilt”
  “**con**” = “**with**” + “Latin vincere” = “to conquer”

Point: Jesus died for this sin! **Turn from it!**
The Savior We Serve

Hebrews 4:15-16
“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need....”

Hebrews 2:18 – “For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”
He Saves ... Here and Now

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).