

WINNING THE WAR INSIDE ME

This Means War • Part 2

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THE COST OF THE BATTLE

Romans 7:15-25 (LB)

1. _____

vs. 15 “I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to – what I hate.”

2. _____

vs. 16 “I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking.”

3. _____

vs. 17 “But I can’t help myself because I’m no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am, that makes me do these evil things.”

4. _____

vs. 18a “I know I am rotten inside as far as my old sinful nature is concerned.”

5. _____

vs. 18b-20 “No matter which way I turn I can’t make myself do right. I want to but I can’t! When I want to do good, I don’t; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway! Now if I am doing what I don’t want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp.”

6. _____

vs. 21 & 23 “It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong...In my mind I want to be God’s willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.”

THE CAUSE: I HAVE _____

vs. 22-23 “I love to do God’s will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.”

vs. 24a “So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I’m in!”

GOD’S BATTLE PLAN FOR MY VICTORY

1. I MUST _____

“Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is through Jesus Christ our Lord!” **Romans 7:24-25** (NLT)

“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires... Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life.” **Romans 6:12-13** (NLT)

“For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious cycle of sin.” **Romans 8:2** (Ph)

2. I MUST _____

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” **1 John 1:8** (NIV)

- Behind every self-defeating act is

- To stop defeating myself, I must

“When you know the truth, the truth will set you free.” **John 8:32** (NIV)

3. I MUST _____

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen.” **James 5:16** (NCV)

“Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won’t do what your sinful nature craves.” **Galatians 5:16** (NLT)