

Romans 7:15-25 NKJV

¹⁵For What I Am Doing, I Do Not Understand.

**For what I _____ to _____, that I _____ ;
but what I _____, that I _____.**

[THE STRUGGLE – SPIRITUAL TUG-OF-WAR]

¹⁶If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.

[THE LAW POINTS TO SIN....BUT IT CAN'T SANCTIFY US]

¹⁷But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

[MY SINFUL NATURE STILL INFLUENCES ME EVEN AFTER SALVATION]

¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

[I HAVE THE DESIRE TO DO GOOD, BUT THE SIN NATURE IS STILL IN ME]

¹⁹For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

[I WANT TO BE HOLY; THE WILL TO DO GOOD IS IN ME]

²⁰Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

[SIN NATURE IS PRESENT EVEN AFTER SALVATION]

²¹I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

[SINFUL NATURE VS I REALLY WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING]

²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

[I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST. I WANT TO PLEASE GOD]

²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

[IT'S A WAR: SIN NATURE VS SPIRITUAL NATURE]

²⁴O wretched PERSON that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

[I CRY OUT IN DESPERATION]

²⁵I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

[I AM THANKFUL FOR MY DELIVERER; THE CONFLICT IS RESOLVED BY CHRIST]

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

[THERE IS STILL AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE, BUT I HAVE CHRIST IN ME, THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE]

“The mark of the Christian is not perfection, but the fight of faith showing itself in imperfect love by the power of the Spirit and in the joyful confidence that God justifies the ungodly. So take Christ as your righteousness and fight to treasure him and his ways above all things.”

John Piper, Pastor/Teacher