

## Struggling With Sin - Romans 7:7-25

**Topics:** Conflict, Death, Discouragement, Law, Sin, Weaknesses

### Open It

1. As a child, how did you respond to the commands given to you by your parents?
2. How do you tend to respond to authority?
- \* 3. What sort of bad habits are hardest to break?

### Explore It

4. What is the purpose of the Law? (7:7-8)
5. What bad effect does knowing the Law have on a person? (7:7-8)
6. When a person has no knowledge of the Law, what becomes of sin? (7:9)
- \* 7. How does knowing the Law bring the possibility of death to a person? (7:9-11)
8. How does the Law put a person to death? (7:11)
9. What are the characteristics of the Law and the commandment? (7:12)
10. How does the awareness of the Law produce death in a person? (7:13)
- \* 11. What did Paul share about his own attempts to follow the Law? (7:14-16)
- \* 12. What did Paul blame for his continuing failure to do good? (7:17-20)
13. How did Paul describe his own struggle to do what was right? (7:21-23)
14. How did Paul describe himself and his situation? (7:24)
15. To whom did Paul turn for rescue from his agonizing situation? (7:24)
16. What division did Paul acknowledge in his own mind and nature? (7:24)

### Get It

17. What are some of the various ways people respond to God's law?
18. How can reading and understanding God's law be discouraging to a person?
19. How can a Christian continue to commit sins even though God is his or her master?
- \* 20. How have you experienced a struggle with sin similar to what Paul describes?
- \* 21. What hope do we have of deliverance from sin here on earth?
22. How can we take hold of the power of Christ to overcome sin?
23. What should we do when we become discouraged and confused in our Christian lives?
24. How can knowing that God has achieved the ultimate victory over sin affect your prayers, thoughts, and attitudes?

### Apply It

- \* 25. How can you remind yourself each day this week of God's victory over sin?
26. What recent struggle with sin do you need to hand over to God today?