

**FIGHTING**

**THE ENEMY WITHIN**

**Romans 7:14-25**

# The Struggle Is Real (VsI4-17)

THE  
STRUGGLE  
IS REAL

**14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.**

# I Am A Work In Progress (Vs. 18-20)

**LIFE**

**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**



**18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.**



LED BY THE  
**SPIRIT**

**Galatians 5:16-24**

**16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.**

**19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**



**22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**  
**23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!**

**24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.**

**25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.**

**DISCIPLINE**  
**NOT** **DESIRE**  
**DETERMINES**  
**DESTINY**

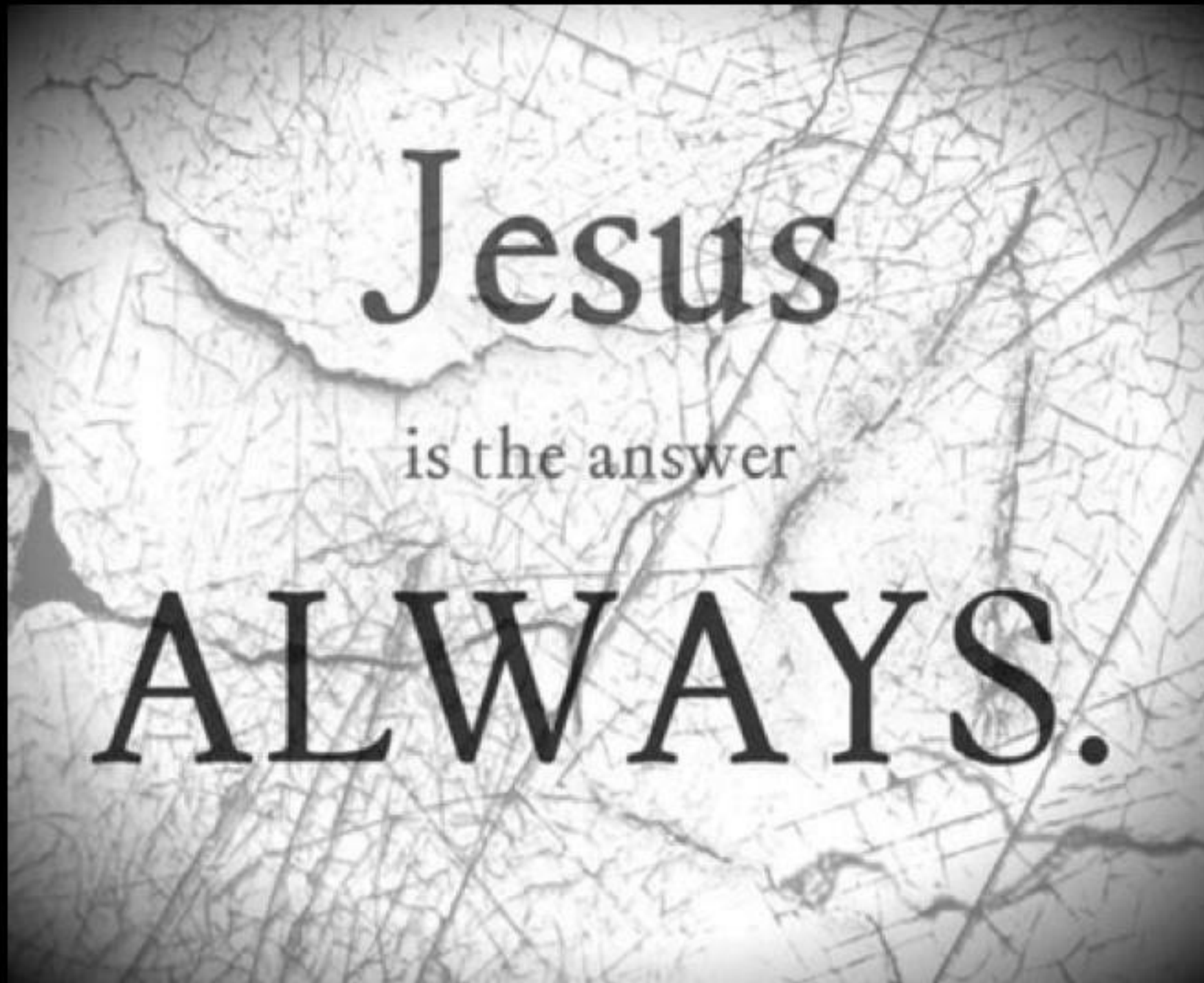
**Discipline Our Desires**  
**(Vs. 21-23)**

**21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God’s law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.**

## **Psalms 1:2**

**“But they delight in the  
law of the Lord,  
meditating on it  
day and night.”**

# There Is Strength For Our Struggle... (Vs.24-25)



**24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.**