

Struggling Well?

Balancing the love & grace of God with the pain & questions of life

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"Is not all human life a struggle?" –Job 7:1

The Strugglers:

1. Stand – Fall – Weak – Strong – Spiritually Weary - Fallen – Broken – Victorious – Defeated – Confident – Fearful – Faithful – Faithless – Stable – Unsteady – Right – Wrong – Believe – Doubt – Hope – Discouraged – Trust – Questions – Suspicious – Love – Hard to Love - Feel Certain - Paradoxes

Christ's glorious "*crippled church*." APPROVED , LOVED , ACCEPTED , REDEEMED
Despite our Struggle.

2. WE FELL APART AT THE FALL

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked." Genesis 3:7

Physically – Physiologically – Emotionally – Psychologically – Neurologically - Spiritually

3. LEGALISM (THE BOOT ON YOUR NECK) TO GRACE (A HAND OF LOVE THAT LIFTS YOU UP)

4. BALANCING HOLINESS WITH OUR HUMANITY

Romans 7-16, 18, 21, 24, 25 (THE STRUGGLE) According to Paul

¹⁶ But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.

²¹ I find then the ^[n]principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from ^[t]the body of this death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

5. Job the WINNER NOT the loser!

"Where did you come from? From roaming around the earth and walking around it." Job 1:7

Job didn't just lose stuff...he gained (WON) as well-

The Struggle had to happen IN Job (first) before it could work THROUGH him (in intimate relationship with God)

"I've heard of you by the hearing of my ears, but now my eyes see you." Job 42:5

6. Through "The Struggle" we're NOT 3 things

1. ALONE (Matt 28:20)
2. FORGOTTEN (Isa 49:16)
3. HOPELESS (Pas 42:11 / Titus 2:13)