

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Do you connect with Paul and what he writes in Romans 7:15-19?
2. What are you still trying to control that God is waiting for you to surrender over to Him?
3. Read James 5:16 together and close by praying for each other.

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"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead"
Ephesians 1:19-20a (NLT)

"Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them." Matthew 5:3 (GWT)

STEP ONE TO LIFE CHANGE: I admit my powerlessness to change myself and control everything. In my brokenness, I humbly admit my need for God and others.

"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. 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. 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. I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. 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." Romans 7:15-19 (TLB)

"I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?" Romans 7:24 (MSG)

"The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different." Romans 7:25 (MSG)

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and His rule." Matthew 5:3 (MSG)

"...I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10b (NIV)

"... God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6b (NLT)

“So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective.” James 5:16 (GWT)