SERIES: BEST YEAR EVER

TRANSFORMATION

MAKING CHANGES THAT LAST

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Romans 7:15 (NLT)

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.

Romans 7:22-25 (NLT)

I love God's law with all my heart. 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. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...

WHERE DO CHARACTER ISSUES COME FROM?

OUR CHROMOSOMES

Some issues we inherit.

Acts 3:1-2 (NLT)

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could be from the people going into the Temple.

OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

Some issues come from our surroundings.

Romans 12:2a (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world...

OUR CHOICES

Some issues come from bad habits.

Galatians 1:13 (NLT)

You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion. how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it.

WHY IS IT SO HARD TO CHANGE?

Because we've had the issues SO LONG

Acts 22:3a (NLT)

Then Paul said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel.

Because we IDENTIFY with the issues

I Corinthians 6:11 (NIV)

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Because the issues have a **SHORT-TERM PAYOFF**

Hebrews 11:25 (NLT)

He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Because **SATAN** discourages me

John 10:10 (NASB)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

NEXT WEEK: TRANSFORMATION: MAKING CHANGES THAT LAST

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.

Thank you for joining us!