Cultivate Church Notes:
Brandon Doss October 28, 2012

If You Really Knew Me
I'm Ready

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When I'm Not Ready:

I. I'm _____.

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 7:15** (NLT)

II. I'm _____.

But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. **Romans 7:17-20** (MSG*)*

III. I'm _____**.**

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)

All text NIV unless otherwise noted

When I'm Ready:

I. I'm _____ _____**.**

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)

1Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2**because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:1-2**

II. I'm _____**.**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Romans 8:28

III. I'm _____**.**

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? **Romans 8:31** (MSG)

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