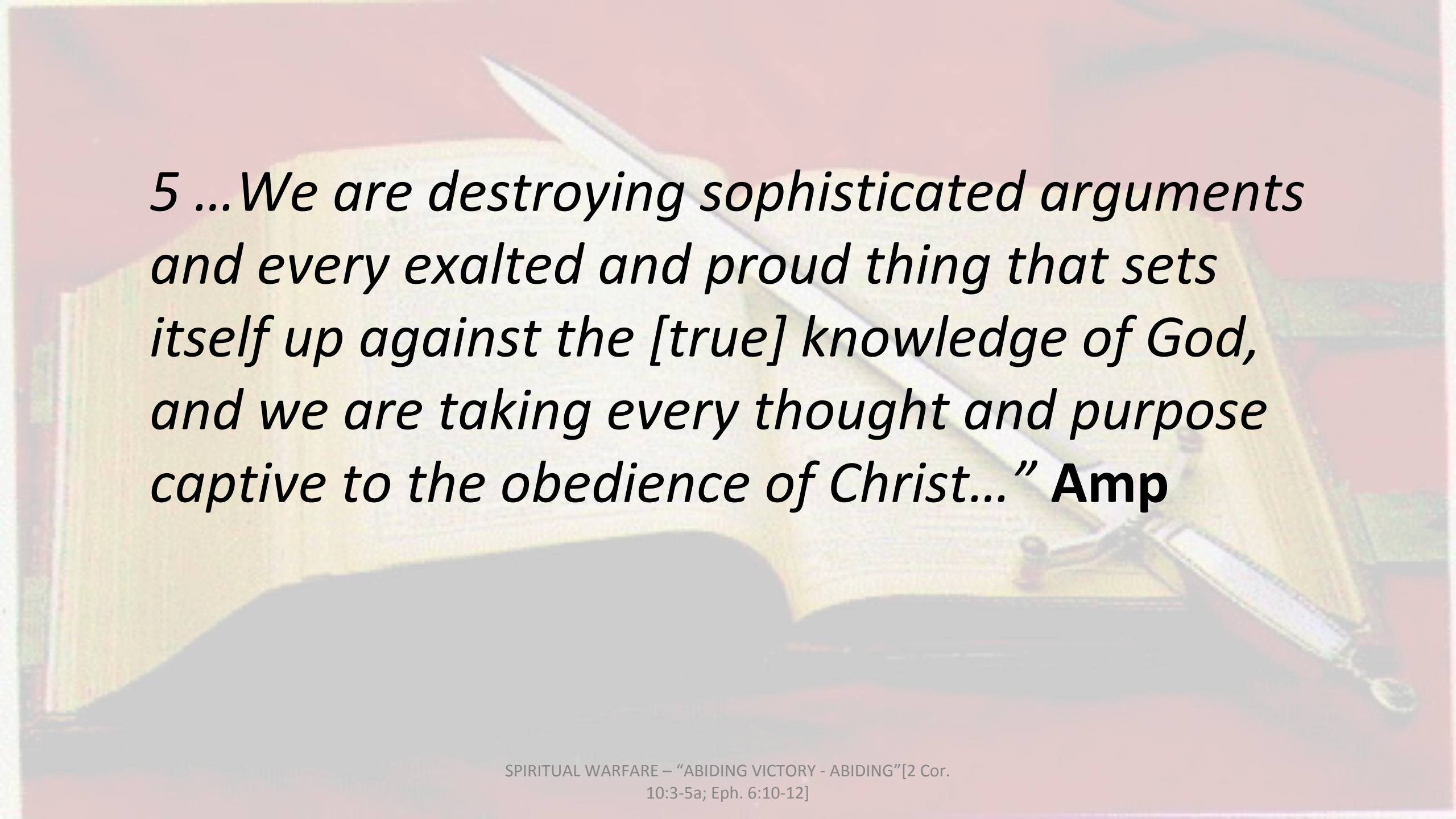
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SPIRITUAL WARFARE –
“ABIDING VICTORY - ABIDING” (Pt. 3)
“THE BATTLE WITHIN”
[2 Cor. 10:3-5; Rom. 7:14-20]

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

“3 For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual] warfare according to the flesh and using the weapons of man.

4 The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses...

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*5 ...We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ...” **Amp***

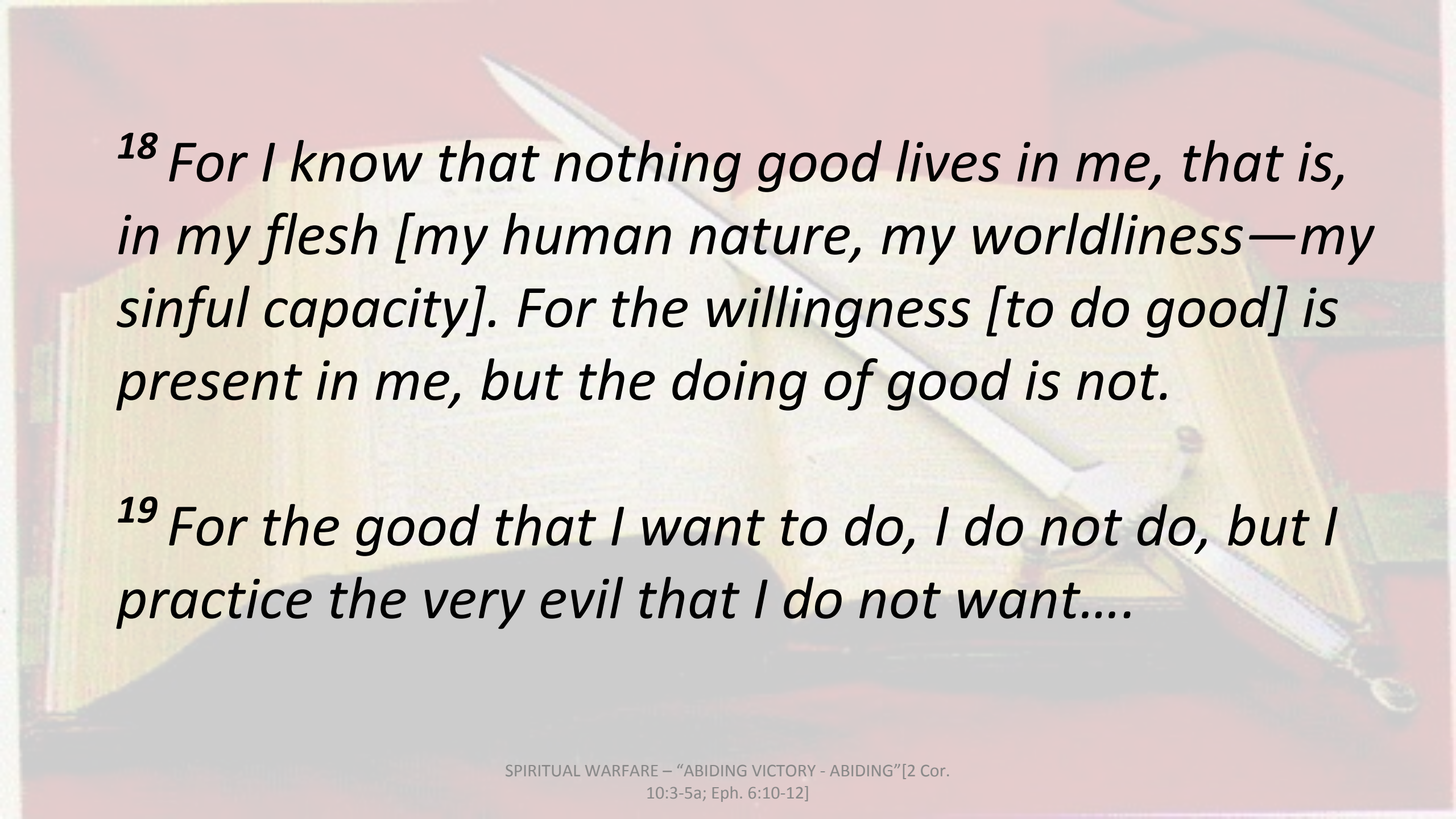
(Romans 7:14-20)

(Romans 7:14-20), “¹⁴ *We know that the Law is spiritual, but I am a creature of the flesh [worldly, self-reliant—carnal and unspiritual], sold into slavery to sin [and serving under its control].*

¹⁵ *For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled and bewildered by them]. I do not practice what I want to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate [and yielding to my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity]...*

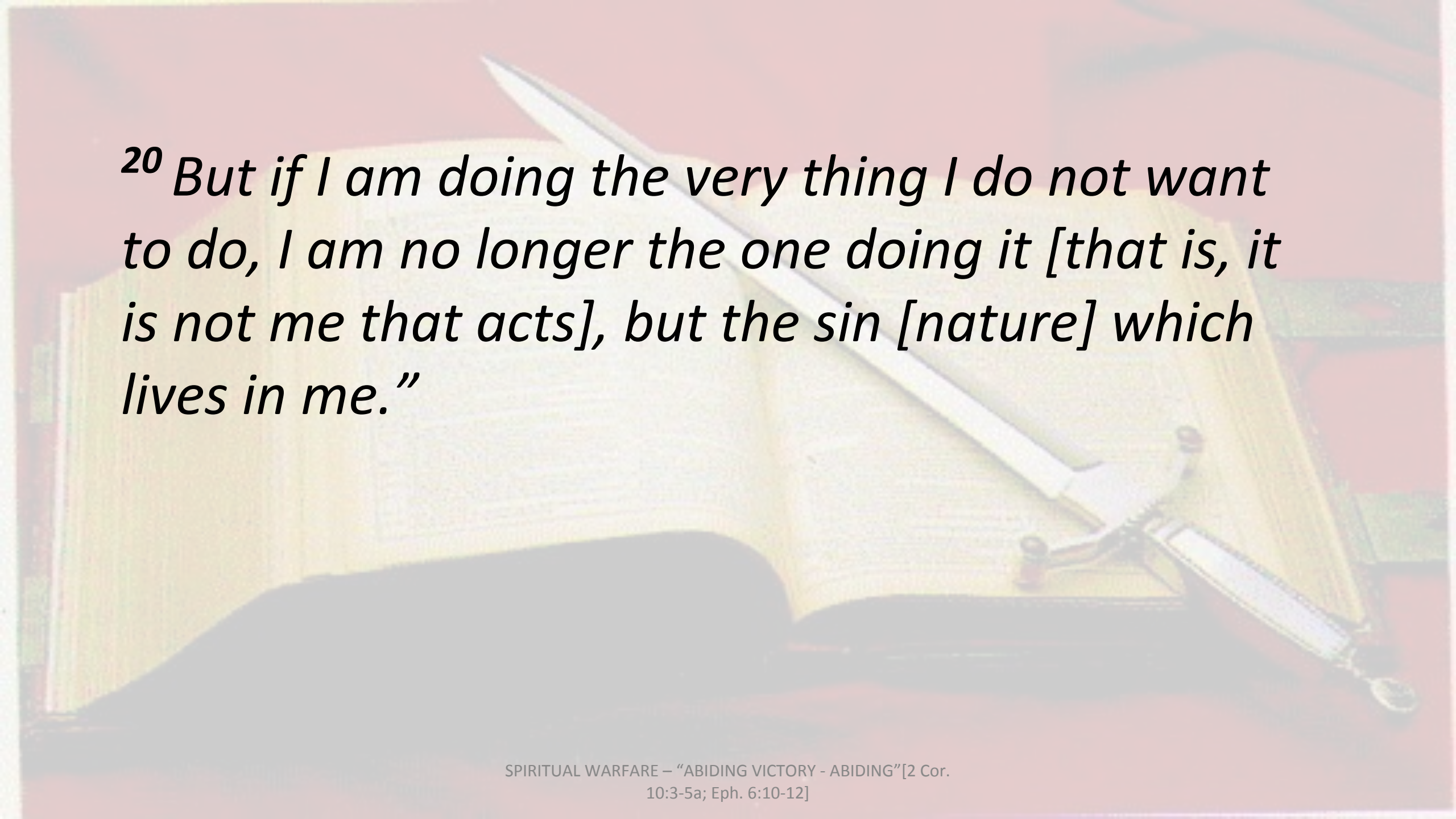
16 Now if I habitually do what I do not want to do, [that means] I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good (morally excellent).

17 So now [if that is the case, then] it is no longer I who do it [the disobedient thing which I despise], but the sin [nature] which lives in me...

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18 For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh [my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity]. For the willingness [to do good] is present in me, but the doing of good is not.

19 For the good that I want to do, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want....

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²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want to do, I am no longer the one doing it [that is, it is not me that acts], but the sin [nature] which lives in me.”

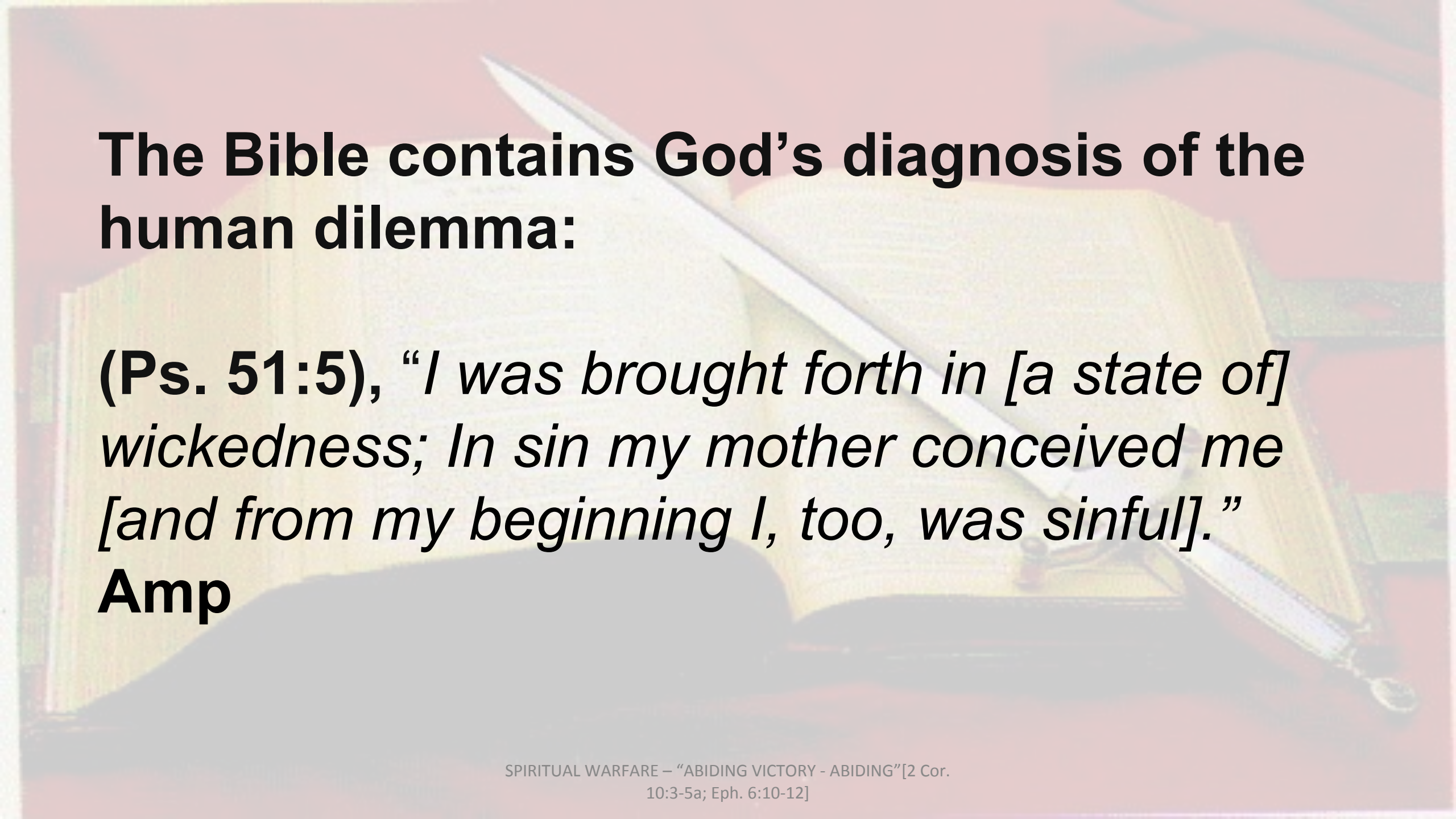


Examining three main areas where
spiritual battles are fought:

- 1) *The Spirit Realm Battle, “Abiding Victory – Abiding”*
- 2) *The Worldly Battle, and*
- 3) *The Battle Within*

We are spiritual beings, living in physical bodies - (Gen. 2:7)

“Then the LORD God formed [that is, created the body of] man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath(spirit) of life; and the man became a living being [an individual complete in body, soul, and spirit].” Amp



The Bible contains God's diagnosis of the human dilemma:

(Ps. 51:5), *“I was brought forth in [a state of] wickedness; In sin my mother conceived me [and from my beginning I, too, was sinful].”*

Amp

(1 Cor. 15:53-57)

53 For this perishable [part of us] must put on the imperishable [nature], and this mortal [part of us that is capable of dying] must put on immortality [which is freedom from death].

54 And when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory (vanquished forever)..."

55 O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law;

57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ."

SEVEN REALITIES OF OUR TEXT THAT EVERY BELIEVER/FOLLOWER OF CHRIST EXPERIENCES:

- I. Sin is a Perplexing Mystery**
- II. Sin is a Total Contradiction To The New Nature**
- III. Sin is a Legal Offense Against The Word of God**
- IV. Sin is an Indwelling Force**
- V. Sin is a Contrary Power To The New Nature**
- VI. Sin is a Competing Evil**
- VII. Sin is a Remaining Reality**

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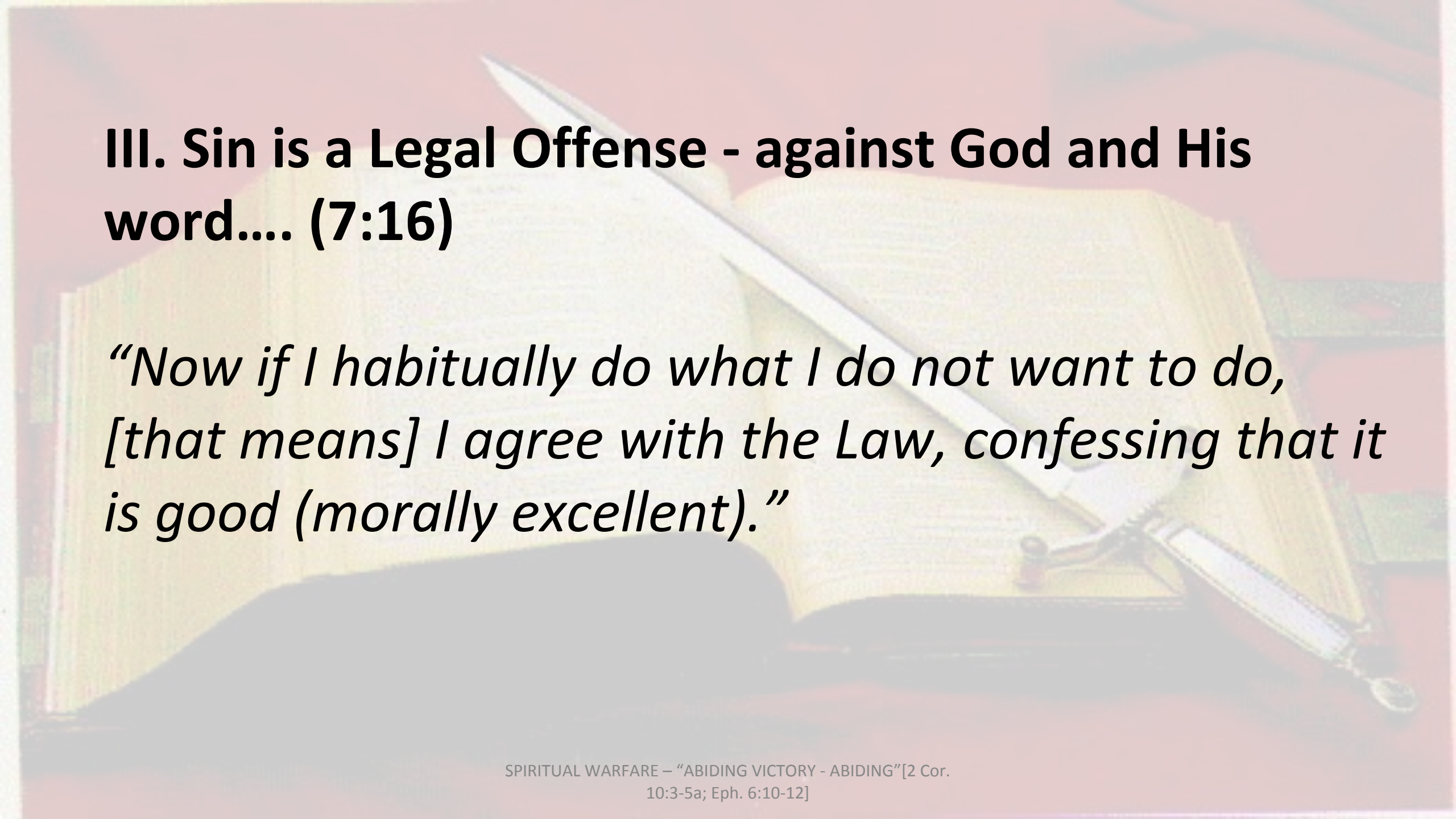
I. Sin is a Perplexing Mystery (7:15a)

“For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled and bewildered by them].”

II. Sin is a Total Contradiction (7:15b)

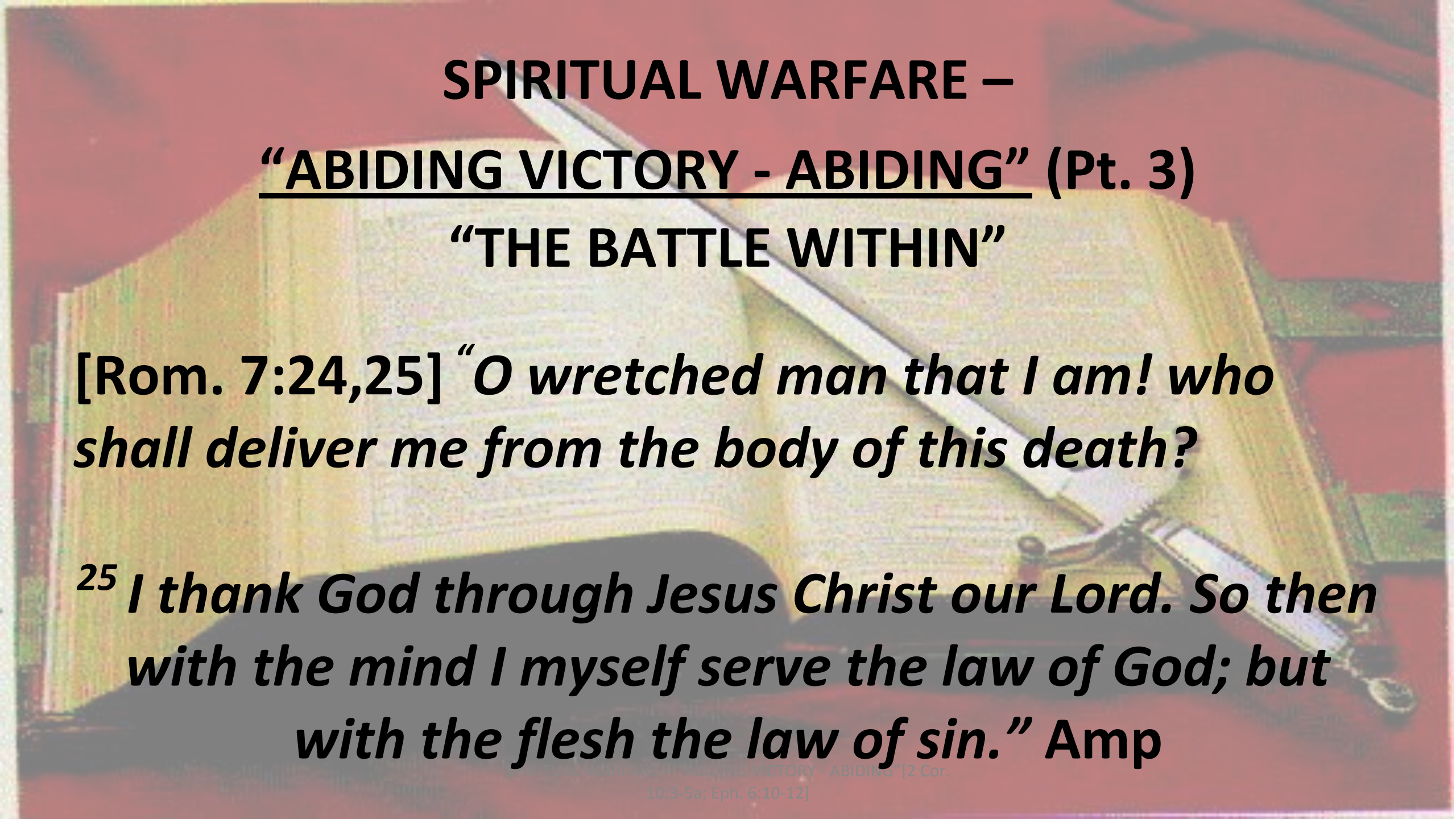
“I do not practice what I want to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate [and yielding to my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity].”

- A. There is both a negative and a positive aspect to this inverted dilemma.**
- B. Know Yourself - With the knowledge of God comes the knowledge of self.....**

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III. Sin is a Legal Offense - against God and His word.... (7:16)

“Now if I habitually do what I do not want to do, [that means] I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good (morally excellent).”



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[Rom. 7:24,25] *“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”*

²⁵ *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”* Amp