

**SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 102515**  
**SERIES: THAT'S IT; I QUIT!**  
**Week #4 - That's it; I Quit living the Christian life on my own**

**Romans 7:15,18-19 (ESV)**

*15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...  
For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I  
do not want is what I keep on doing.*

**TO LIVE THE VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE . . .**

**1. DETERMINATION ISN'T ENOUGH**

Victory in the Christian life is **NOT determined**  
by the **depth** of your **commitment**.

**Romans 7:24(ESV)**

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

***"The Christian life is not simply difficult. It is not something that gets easier with time. ...it is absolutely unattainable. You can't live it. I can't live it. And God doesn't expect us to live it. He knows it's unfeasible through our own strength. It is time we come to grips with this liberating truth – the Christian life is impossible." - Pastor Charles Stanley***

**Romans 7:24-25 (ESV)**

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...**

**Galatians 3:3 (NLT)**

3 How **foolish** can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

**Colossians 2:6 (ESV)**

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in him**

**2. ONLY GOD CAN EMPOWER YOU**

**Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**

13 For God is working in you, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases him.

**3. OUR PART IS TO SURRENDER**

**Romans 12:1 (NIV)**

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

The victory in your Christian life is **NOT determined**  
by the **depth** of your **commitment**, **BUT** by  
the **Completeness** of your **Surrender**.