

Series: Freedom (Romans 6-7)

Title: The Struggle is Real, The Victory is Sure

Scripture: Romans 7:1-25; 8:1-3

2025 Summer Scripture: Romans Road (ESV) 1:20; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 8:37-39

- 1. We are not married to our sin anymore. We died to sin. We are married to Jesus. (Romans 7:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:54-57)
 - a. Christ died and was resurrected. We are united to Christ in His death and we are united to Christ in His resurrection. (Romans 6:5-6)
- 2. We belong to Jesus and both are alive forevermore, so we will never belong to another. (Romans 7:4-6)
 - a. We don't do right because we have to, we do right because we want to.
 - b. We bear fruit for God because we belong to Jesus and have the Spirit.
 - c. We did wrong because we had sinful passions to do wrong.
- 3. The law revealed the deceptive power and destructive purpose of sin. (Romans 7:7-13)
 - a. I desire to play God in my life and the lives of others. (Gen. 3:4)
 - b. We need the law to convict us of sin and help us see our need for grace.
- 4. We belong to Jesus, but our old sin nature constantly struggles against our more powerful new nature. (Romans 7:14-20; Galatians 5:17)
 - a. Before we were saved there was no struggle, we were defeated by sin.
- 5. I can win the struggle with sin when I am fighting from victory, not for victory. (Romans 7:21-8:3)
 - a. I have to reckon my self/identity rightly. (I belong to Jesus.)
 - b. I have to reckon with sin rightly. (I don't fight alone.)
 - c. I have to reckon with sanctification wholly. (I surrender every part.)

