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THE BATTLE WITHIN

Romans 7:14-25; 8:1-8;
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Big Idea: We will struggle with _____, but
Jesus Christ gives us the _____.

1. The _____ — The Flesh (Romans 7:14–20)

*The flesh is our _____.

2. The _____ — Is Hard (Romans 7:21–25)

3. The _____ — Grace-driven effort
- A. Live according to the _____. (Romans 8:1–8)
 - B. Grow in your relationship with _____. (2 Corinthians 3:12–18a)
4. The _____ — Christlikeness (2 Corinthians 3:18b)
- *Gaining victory over your flesh results in _____.

People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.

(D.A. Carson, *For the Love of God*, Volume 2)

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