

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH— ONE WORD AT A TIME:

BATTLING

TEXT: ROMANS 7:15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Where do you see conflict	
in the world?	
in our nation?	
in your family?	
in your life?	
in your heart?	
The STRUGGLE for the believer is:	
I have the	to



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	But	
	Instead of the good I want to do, I end up	
	What is worse, I don't always	$_{ extstyle L}$ why I do what I do.
	At the same time, there is also a part of me that wants to	····
The (COMFORT for the believer is: He gives us the	
The S	STRENGTH for the believers comes from: Christ living in me me to	
	Christ living in me means each day I	

The Christian life is a life-long BATTLE— But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!