



Sermon Outline
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Spiritual Warfare!

Romans 7

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do...

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

...Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

This graphic description of an internal human battle is written by the Apostle Paul, Romans 7. Some might attest that he could well be considered the most balanced man on the planet. These words were not penned by a psychopath...but by a _____!

We are intimately acquainted with a raging conflict that never existed _____ we came to Christ and never ceased to exist _____we said yes to Jesus.

It is so strange as a Christian,...to live in the midst of a world that both _____ and _____ at the very same time.

How do I know there is warfare going on?...The Bible tells me so.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Satan is God's enemy, but he cannot attack God directly, so he attacks _____ in God's image and dearly loved by him.

The enemy strategy. _____! The primary work of the evil one is confusion/distortion.

Dallas Willard

"We live at the mercy of our ideas"

Ideas that we believe in our minds and then let into our bodies give shape to the trajectory of our souls.

So, what is our defense?

- 1. Truth--Learn the enemy's _____**
- 2. _____your perimeter.**
- 3. Live in _____to flourish.**