

SERMON NOTES

THE STRUGGLE DEFINED

ROMANS 8:6-9 & EPHESIANS 2:1-3

JANUARY 6, 2019

SENIOR PASTOR

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ON GUARD



Intro:

1. Know the _____ within: mind, flesh, and spirit. (Romans 8:6-9)

2. Know your _____: world, flesh, devil. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Conclusion:

WEEKLY READING PLAN:

Monday, January 7 // Romans 7:7-25

The battle of the flesh

Tuesday, January 8 // Galatians 5:13-25

Walk by the Spirit

Wednesday, January 9 // 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

We are God's temple

Thursday, January 10 // Luke 15:11-32

You were washed

Friday, January 11 // Proverbs 7:1-27

Fenceline: Battle the World

WEEKLY EVENTS:

**A full schedule is available on the final page of this bulletin.*

AWANA

- This week is Favorite Sport Night!

FUSE (5th-6th) / FUEL (7th-8th)

- Next Fuse & Fuel is January 9

IGNITE (9th-12th)

- Next Ignite is January 6

RESONATE (18-22)

- Next Resonate is January 17

AMPLIFY (23-30+)

- Next Amplify is January 10

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/scripture?

Read Romans 7:15-25

1. Verses 15-19 are all in the present tense (“I do not do what I want”) rather than the past tense (“I did not do what I wanted”). What does this tell us about the Christian walk?

2. What do verses 17-18 teach about our identity in Christ?

3. How do you explain verses 17 and 22 together?

4. From verses 24-25, what answer is there for overcoming the law of sin that dwells in us?

5. Compare Romans 7:24-25 with 2 Corinthians 10:3-5:

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

a. What is God's role in our struggle of overcoming sin?

b. What is our role in overcoming the struggle of sin?

6. Can you share an example of a time you wanted to act in obedience to the Lord, but didn't.

a. What stopped you from acting in obedience?

b. If you could rewrite the story, what would you have done differently?

7. Take a moment, from this passage what is amazing about your God?

LIFE APPLICATION

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to go after?