

Living in Grace:
God's Power to Overcome Sin

Struggling with Sin

- Some, like Paul, struggle with sin, Romans 7:7-25; Ephesians 2:1-10
- Some don't struggle to overcome; they seek only an excuse to continue to sin, Romans 6:1-4. Our discussion of grace is not for them.

Questions

- When you think about Paul's spiritual strength how do you characterize him?
- Romans 7:7-23
 - What was the nature of Pauls' struggle (cf. Jeremiah 13:23 "taught, learned, disciplined")
 - What did Paul actually want and why?
 - Why couldn't Paul quit coveting?
- Ephesians 2:1-3
 - What does it mean to be children of wrath?

Self-reflections

- Have you been able to quit sinning yet? Why or why not?
- How would you write Romans 7:24? Would you write “Wretched man that I am” or would you write “I’m doing okay on my own”?
- Do you want to do what is right or do you want to keep on sinning? Why?
- What is the biggest problem we all have with overcoming sin on our own?