

# CONFLICT

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We learnt earlier that though the law is good, it is still not good enough to cleanse us from sin, transform us and save us. Today, Paul tells us what it's like to be in the shoes of a person who really wanted to obey God's laws but felt so powerless to do so.

### READ ROMANS 7: 14 - 25

If you read vs 14-20 carefully, you'll find that vs 18-20 are a repetition of vs 14-17. Paul is making it very clear that there is a terrible war going on between the mind and body of this person in whose shoes he's in.



Both your mind and your mother tell you to put down the phone/turn off the computer and go study for your exam but your body refuses to budge! However, we do know Christian friends who seem to have a perfect balance in life. They love Jesus, have a great social life and ace all their exams. Why is everything such a struggle for us (v 24) and not for them? It's a struggle for us because we depend on our own strength to pull us through. We are like many of the Jewish Christians in Rome Paul was trying to get through to. They were still trying to keep the law through their own effort and failing miserably. They

needed to learn to draw strength from Jesus (v 25a). If they didn't, they'd just continue to be at war with themselves (v 25b). Like them, we too need to realise that we need to be powered by God to be mature believers.

## **P** **PLUG INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER**

**No Christian can perform unplugged. We need "Holy Spirit power" to overcome temptation and do the right thing.**