



Week #6: A New Battle

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Romans 7:24-25a (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

The truth about a real Christian life:

- The struggle is not a _____.
- The struggle is a _____.

The truth about a real Christian life:

- The journey is not a _____.
- The journey is a _____.

I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 (CSB)

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1 John 1:9-10 (AMP)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

James 5:16 (MSG)

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)

The truth about a real Christian life:

- Loving you is not God's _____.
- Loving you is God's _____.

Discussion questions:

1. How does it change your perspective to see your struggle not as failure, but as spiritual growth?
2. What would it look like practically to have a pattern of getting real with God and with others in your life?
3. What does it mean to you that it's God's great joy to love you?

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[You Are More Than You've Been Told](#), by Hosanna Wong

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