

Sermon Supplement from April 6

“The War Within” – Romans 7:13-25

WARM UP

- In what ways does the progression talked about in the sermon introduction resonate with you? *“Why did I just do that?” → “Why do I keep doing that?” → “Why can’t I stop doing that?”*

DIG IN

- Read verses 13-20 and summarize the big idea in your own words.
- How do you identify with the Apostle Paul’s struggle with indwelling sin as related in these verses?
- How does it make you feel that this internal battle with indwelling sin is part of the normal Christian experience?
- Read Galatians 5:17. How does this help us understand the internal war with sin?
- What consequences result when Christians are not willing to acknowledge and wrestle with the tension of indwelling sin in our lives?
- Read verses 21-23. Why is it sometimes so hard to win the battle between my mind and my members (internal vs external)?
- Verse 24 includes a cry of desperation and a cry for deliverance. Why are both important in the battle against indwelling sin?
- Talk about the hope that verse 25a instills.
- Verse 25 ends with a conclusion without a solution. What do you make of that?

WRAP UP

- In what ways does this study bring you hope and encouragement as you wage “The War Within” against indwelling sin?
- Share some specific ways that what you learned in this study changes the way you think, feel, and/or act?

Next Week – Romans 8:1-4