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- Women's Day at Cityteam - Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11am
- Student Sunday (Single Service) - Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am
- Church at the Fairgrounds - Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- Women's Ministry CREATE 2019 - Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>
- VBC Kids Move-Up Sunday (Preschool - 5th Grade) - Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Forensic Faith Conference - Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9am

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## SONGS & SERMONS

"King of Heaven/Oh Our Lord" - Jason Ingram,  
Paul Baloche

"Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

"Great are You Lord" - David Leonard, Jason  
Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"Be Thou My Vision" - Eleanor Henrietta Hull,  
Mary Elizabeth Byrne

"The One Who Saves" - Brenton Brown, Jason  
Ingram

"I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00  
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,033,020.00

Giving Last Week.....\$15,266.00  
Y-T-D Giving.....\$993,285.00

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# Romans

FAITH AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019**

**MUSIC: CARA STEWART & DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL**

## MESSAGE NOTES

*The misery of a Christian living non-green!*  
Romans 7:14-25

How have you been doing with the 5 pictures of life with Jesus?

1. Court room - Immersion - Grafted in - Willing servant - Marriage
2. Two real options: Jesus or the sin principle
3. Is the law an effective 3rd option? May it never be!

Whom does Paul describe in this final section (Romans 7:14-25)?

What, then, does the believer experience when not living out his union with Jesus?

Cycle #1 - "I am sold under the dominance of sin" (14-17).

1. Paul states the nature of this dominance (14).  
**Rom. 7:14** *For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.*
2. He then demonstrates the validity of his claim (15-16).  
**Rom. 7:15** *For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.*
3. He draws a conclusion about what's going on in his life (17).  
**Rom. 7:17** *So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*



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## Cycle #2 – “I have no internal resources to truly change” (18-20).

1. Paul states the total absence of resources to change (18a).  
**Rom. 7:18a** *For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.*
2. He then demonstrates the validity of his claim (18b-19).  
**Rom. 7:18b** *For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.*
3. He draws a conclusion about what’s going on in his life (20).  
**Rom. 7:20** *Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

## Cycle #3 – “I have discovered an unsolvable internal dilemma” (21-25).

1. Paul states the underlying principle of his dilemma (21).  
**Rom. 7:21** *So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.*
2. He then demonstrates how the dilemma works (22-23).  
**Rom. 7:22** *For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,<sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.*
3. He draws a conclusion that begins with self-loathing & ends with gratitude (24-25).  
**Rom. 7:24** *Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

## What to do, what to do?

1. Keep fleeing to the five pictures of Jesus!
2. Keep mentoring new/untrained believers in the five pictures!
3. Keep reminding one another of the five pictures!