

My True Identity

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Transcript

What Paul is discussing in Chapter 7 is this war that rages within us. There's this battle, and I called it Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. There's this part of me that loves God. There's this part of me that wants to serve God. There's this part of me that in my mind, I'm like, Yes, I want to be just like Jesus. I sing this song, "Make me more like Jesus" and that is the true call of my heart. And then I go through my day. And there are times in my day where there's like a whole other person showed up and somehow Hyde got involved and I did stuff that has nothing to do with that. And you're like, well, how in the world it's like there's two people living in me, there's two people raging in me and so some people will say, "well that's because you're not really a Christian". That's Bologna. This is in Chapter 7 and it's Paul talking about it. Paul, he's about as good as it gets, right? As far as living holy and righteous? He wrote most of the New Testament and here he is saying in verse 24 of Chapter 7, "What a wretched man am I. Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?" it's a cry of desperation, isn't it?

And some of you are like me. I feel the same way. I go through life and I'm like. Who is this guy? How could somebody redeemed and loved by God think that thought? How could he respond to that person that way? How could I? And I didn't even want to do that. And yet I did. What's going on, right? This is the cry of a desperation of a strong believer, though. A strong believer named Paul. Calling himself a Wretch. And so, he goes on in verse 25 and he says, "*thanks be to God who delivered me, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I myself, in my mind, am a slave to God's law, but in the flesh, a slave to the law of sin.*" And so you say, well, what's the answer? What's the answer? If I'm living this way and and this battle is going on in my life and I'm struggling and I'm saying well. I want to live this way, but this is in me. I want to first encourage you that that is normal. If you are living a Christian life and you are a Christian and you do not have that battle happening in your life, you may not be a Christian. You say, "Are you serious?" I'm serious. There will be a battle, a fight in you, because there will be spirit which you are in the spirit and there is still flesh. And if there's no fight going on between these, then you're all flesh. There's no fight.

Unless the spirit is there, how in the world did Paul get to the place where he loves God, and he wants to serve God? He doesn't care about all the accolades and the fact that he was circumcised on the eighth day and that he's obeyed all the laws. How did he get to that place? Because he gritted his teeth? No. Because the Spirit of God got a hold of him. You don't love God and you don't struggle with that. You don't struggle with sin unless the Holy Spirit is in is in you. And the only people the Holy Spirit is in are Christians. OK. That might set some of you at ease.

You've have been saying, "Boy, I struggle, and it looks like there's two people. Maybe I'm not really saved." I can't tell you whether you're saved, but I can tell you that this is really normal. We're saved through grace and through faith in Jesus Christ. And so, there's this battle. Where is this battle happening though? Right, he says here. *Thanks be to God who delivers me from Jesus Christ, our our Lord. So then I myself, in my mind, right.* He just said in my mind. *I'm a slave to God's law.* What does that mean? It means that when I'm thinking about it like the way I actually think is I'm a slave

to God. I trust God. I love God. That's actually the real me. That's what I want. But in the flesh. In my body, in my sinful being is still this unwelcome part of me. I'm still a slave to sin. And so, the Holy Spirit is agreeing with Paul's spirit, and that's why he is able to do and want what God wants. The only reason you want what God wants is because the Holy Spirit is in you. And that's what the Holy Spirit wants. And your spirit and His Spirit, are working together, right? You're in Christ and Christ is in you. That's why you want that, that's why.

So, here's the question. Here's the question. How do you break this and live in Christ and not in sin and not be tortured by this? How? How do you do that? Because Paul looks like a guy who was really, really frustrated. What a wretched. You don't just go around talking like this about yourself. Like I'm wretched, right? He's saying something about this is how I feel. I am wretched. How? How do you overcome that? How do you deal with that? And it's by setting your mind on who you truly are because of Christ, I'm going to explain this over the next little bit, but here's what Paul is gonna do here. Paul is explaining. He goes through this in Chapter 7, and he shows you these two people in your life; there's the doctor Jekyll and the doctor Hyde, he shows you this struggle. And then he says, how do you solve this? How do you begin to live, not tormented by this, and begin to live like Doctor Jekyll and not like Doctor Hyde? How do you? How do you accomplish that?

Now you would think the answer would be grit your teeth and try really hard, OK? Ah, don't sin today. I'm not going to. I'm not going to steal today. I'm not going to covet today. I'm not going to do those. I'm gonna be nice to people today. I don't want to be nice, but I'm gonna be nice. That's how you end up doing it. But that's not his answer. He gives us the answer in chapter 8 to this whole thing, and it's not what you would expect, it's actually the opposite of what most people will do. It's the opposite of what you would do in the flesh, which is I'm going to try to be good. We see a lot of folks in church and their answer to being holy is to try hard. And they look around and they say, "well, you're not trying hard enough", they're judgmental to those people. You're not trying hard enough. And you're not. You're like dude. What are you doing to me? Come on. What? You must not be trying. I'm miserable in my life. And you should be miserable just like me. Well, that's not the Christian life. That's not chapter 8.

So, here's the deal. To overcome this, you have to see yourself by faith as God sees you. Because here's what Paul was feeling. Why was he a Wretch? Why did he feel like a Wretch? He felt like a wretched because he would do things in his life. He saw his own self. He believed in his mind. Yes, I'm a child of God. I've been saved by God. He appeared to me on the road to Damascus. But yet I'm doing these things that I shouldn't do. And the law? He knows the law doesn't he? He knows the rules. He knows what God says is holy and not holy and so 'cause he knows what the law says is holy and not holy. And he's doing things that are not holy according to the law, how does he feel? He feels condemned. The law is condemning him and making him feel he's bad. You're bad, Paul! You did this bad thing. You don't deserve God. He's being condemned. It's being condemned by him and he's in his heart. He's saying I'm condemned, I'm condemned. And he says what a wretched. Why? Because the law is telling me how bad I am.

And so, what's the answer? The answer is found. Verse one, chapter 8. It says chapter one. Therefore, on all I did right before. *Therefore. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* That's his answer that he wants you to know. The truth is, you are not condemned! You're seeing yourself doing stuff you ought not do, and it's bothering you like crazy because the law is telling you that's wrong. That's wrong, that's wrong, and you're being condemned by the law. Here's the problem. You don't live under the law anymore. The law is dead, so you don't live under the law. And so even though you're feeling condemned because you're seeing this stuff done in your

flesh, you need to recognize that that's not really the reality in verse. Verse one. It says *therefore, there is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus*. In other words, if I am in Christ. I cannot be condemned for my sins. I can't.

Let me just show you how this works. So, this is you. OK, that's you seem you're pretty good looking, aren't you. Look really good there. Yeah. Look, baby there. But that's you, OK? This is Christ. OK, so when you get saved, you are all of a sudden now you are in Christ. Now you're in Christ, OK? So now God looks at you and when God looks at you what does he see? He sees Jesus. He sees somebody that's in Christ. Does he see a bunch of individual sins and things that you did? Is that what He's seeing? No, he's seeing Christ now. Does that mean that there's not individual sin and things that are going on in your life that are bugging you? Yes, they're all happening. That's true. But the way God sees you, your actual spiritual self. Your actual status is in Christ, which means when God looks at you, he sees all the sins of all the world from all time have already been paid and crucified on Christ and been paid for. So, the sin that you just committed, right, the bad one that now you're feeling bad about it? Well, the deal is because you're in Christ, that sin was actually already condemned on the cross. You've already been condemned for it and sentenced for it and punished for it. And it's over because it was done in Christ. And so there is. *Therefore it says no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*.

So, let's go back to. That who is not condemned. Says those who are in Christ Jesus. Look at what else it says. It doesn't say there is less condemnation. OK, so I don't know. Some of you might be Catholic, Catholic, you might say. Well, there's less condemnation. I'm still. Going to burn? A little bit or I'm still going to have to suffer a little bit in purgatory, right? There's less condemnation. No, there's no condemnation. You cannot be condemned. Why can you not be condemned for sin if you're in Christ? Because God can't punish Jesus? He can't punish Jesus. If he could, he would. Because he's perfectly righteous, but God cannot punish Christ, Jesus or anyone that is in him. He can't. It's impossible. It would be unjust for God to punish those who are in Christ Jesus. So, Gee, Pastor, I don't. What does that? What does that mean? What does that mean? Let's think about the prodigal son. All right, prodigal son. He's this kid. Kind of a punk kid, you know, I I don't want to name any names. Right. But he's a kid, right? And he probably one of the worst things you could do to your dad is say, you know what, dad? I know you worked your whole life to to make all this money and all this inheritance. But you know what? I wish you were dead. Give it to me now and then go out and in, like a matter of a couple weeks, just blow 30-40 years. Of work just like that on on stuff that your dad hates. That's pretty low down, right? And that's what he does. He goes out there and he does that. The deal is. Though, and we're going to get into this later as we go into Chapter 8. That this son. He's his son. He's still his son. It's not like he stopped being his son when he left and took everything. He's still his son. Say well man, he should disown that kid. Not this father. This father's not going to disown that kid. He loves that kid. He doesn't disown his kid. And he spits in his face. In a sense, he does everything everything possible to basically make his dad mad. And yet he goes off and he does all this. And and when he comes through, he finally realized, man, I made a huge mistake. He's still my dad. And he says to himself, I'm not going to go back as a son, right. I'm not going to go back as a son. I'm going to go back as a servant. I'll just be a servant cause I. Don't deserve to. Be a son anymore. That's the way we feel when you're under condemnation. When the law tells you you're not a son anymore, you don't deserve to be a son. You're not a son, right? Because you did bad things. You're not. You're not God's kid anymore. But what happens when he gets back? He gets back and dad is waiting there and starts running after him. See, when we when we do what we ought not do though we're in Christ, because we are still a son. He runs after us. He's not saying hey, stay away. I don't want you there. That's what we do a lot, didn't it? Right, you sin, you do something you ought not do. And then you're like, you know what God doesn't

want me to come to him. I feel ashamed to come to him. I'm not going to come to him. Because it's just embarrassing. And so I'm just, you know, if I come to him, I'm going to come and say, you know what I'll work for you. I'll work for my salvation. I'm not accepting anything from you because I don't deserve you to be nice to me. But he welcomes him back. There's a there's a there's a guy. Doctor Vernon McGee. This is how he puts. He says, you know the difference between the sun in the story, the sun in the pig pen and the pig. You know what the difference is? No pig ever said to himself. I will arise and go to my father. He goes because he's a part of the family and you will not be disowned by God because you've committed sin. Right. No condemnation also means God doesn't punish us from our struggle, so it's not like when he gets there. What what's happening? Does he say? Alright, well, you're coming back. But I need to punish you. Is that what he did in the story? No, he doesn't punish him. This kid knows he did the wrong thing. He feels horror about it when you look at him. When this son, the prodigal son, looks at himself, he says what a wretched man am I? Just like Paul. And is the father there with a whip ready to punish him? No. He doesn't condemn us. Now. Let's now, let's. Alright, let's go. Let's go to this though. Let's say you say, well, what if you're deliberately sinning? Right. What if you're one of these cats? That's like, you know what? God will just forgive me whatever I want. And I'm just gonna just. I want to live my own. Life in a. Minute and I'll just keep coming back and do that well, then, yeah, you might get. Some punishment, right? You might get some punishment there, but not. Punishment because you're condemned punishment because he's got to change the way you live. Right? So. So there are some things that my son. Will do, and you've got kids. Your kids will do. They'll do stuff and. You're like they made a mistake. Right. They didn't know any better. You know, they're a teenager and and, you know, they were figuring stuff out. And you're like, you know what? Don't do that again. They're like, man, I. And they came to you and told you, I'm so sorry. You beat him up over that. No, you don't beat him up over that. You're like, you know. What I love? You. I love you, you know. Sorry. I wish that didn't happen to you. Let's let's kind of walk through this again. There's other times when your kid's a jerk, right? Your kid's a punk and your kid is says I don't have to do what you say. And I'm not going to. Do what you say and. I'm going to walk my own. Way and I'm going to do my own thing. Well, then God's got to bring you back. Then you gotta bring your kid back, right? To a place where they they understand. Hey, listen, there's some rules. You are live my house, right? And so then, yeah, there's some punishment all of a sudden God's bringing me back to a place where now again, I feel like ohh. I feel bad when I do that kind of stuff. Right. God's a good father. He's the model for us being fathers. So let's look at verse. So here we'll, dude, put this on the screen. The first. The first thing that we learned, verse one we've already got through one verse. Can you believe that? Congratulations, everybody. One verse. We got through one verse. It says it says the first thing we learn is that we are free from the guilt of sin. That's what we learned. We're free from the guilt of sin. And you say, well, how come? Why? Why are we free from the guilt of sin? Let's look at verse 2. Because through Christ Jesus, the law of the spirit who gives life has set us free from the law of sin and death. OK. This is a tough one to explain, but I'm going to do my best to explain what that means. There are two laws that work here in your life. There's the law of sin and death, the law that you were born in. You were born under that law. And then there's the law of the spirit. One of them is more powerful than. The other, so about 30 years ago. Well, it couldn't be that long because I'm. Only 30 now. I'm just kidding. People, like, really, he's 30. Yeah. No, no, I'm 50. But I was. When I was 20 years ago. I was under a lot of torture in my brain because I have and was diagnosed with what's called OCD. And not a little bit OCD like severe OCD. To the point where I would like stop my car and get out of my car and go check to make sure I didn't run over somebody. I mean, I did wacko things with OCD. It was it. It drove me crazy. It just drove me nuts. I would have an obsession to do something and then I would have. I would have a compulsion to make that obsession. Go away because it was so painful. Right. So I was so I was under the law of OCD. I lived under the law of OCD, which ruled me and made me do these different

obsessions. And I'd be compelled to do these things right. So I lived under the law of OCD. At one point I went to a doctor and the doctor prescribed to me Paxil. Now, I'm not telling you to go on Paxil. I'm not. It's it's a hard drug to go on. Right. But I went on this and. It because my brain. Chemistry is jacked up, right? Bad, and so I'm on this medication. I go on Paxil. And all of a sudden the. Law of OCD becomes a lot lot less. And I find myself not living under the law of OCD because now I'm living under the law of Paxil. And I'm happy. Ohh, I'm very happy. Because I'm not being compelled or it's not that they're not there. It's not that the law of OCD isn't still in my life. OK, the law of OCD is very even now. The law of OCD is alive and well. But the law of Paxil overcomes the law of OCD in a major, major way, where I have victory over OCD, I'm actually to be able to pastor a church. I'm able to get through the day without crying. I'm not naked and shivering in my closet. Not that that ever happened. Just telling you Grace is over there about. To lose it right now. No, that was a really bad time. But what I'm saying is that you lived under the law of sin. Right. But under the law of the Spirit now there is a power that is greater than the law of sin in you because you're it's not just you functioning against the flesh, but you're in Christ. And so now it's the spirit in you, the spirit in you is allowing you to live and to function and to live. Above that old law. It's really powerful. It's really powerful, so watch it says it says, oh, I'll tell you something else that happens sometimes. Grace is about to throw something at me. I could tell. So sometimes and and you might know somebody did this. Sometimes you're on this medication and you start feeling good, right? Like, I'm like, hey, I don't have OCD anymore. Look, I don't have OCD anymore. So you know what you do? You know what some people do say? Well, I don't need. To take Paxil. Anymore. I'm not going to take it anymore cause I'm healed. And so now I I remove myself from being under the law of of Paxil. I remove myself from being under the law of the Spirit. I I no longer submit myself to to to the spirit. I no longer say I'm going to live under your power anymore. And when I do that, what immediately happens? You're a mess again. See in our life, if we're going it, it's how you live. Am I living under the power of the spirit or am I living under the power of the flesh? He's talking about? How are you living? What are you submitting to? Where is your mind? Following me here, where is your head? Where is your mind? Where are you committed to? What have you decided? That I'm going to follow. And So what we learn here under the second verse is that the first one we learn, we are free from the guilt of sin. But here in the second verse, we find that we are free from the power of sin. Right, because we're not under the power of us, we're under the power of the spirit, not the power of Paxil. We're under the power. A power that's greater than sin. Verse 3. For what? The law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh. God did by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh. Look at how he said that. He didn't say. As sinful flesh, he said in the likeness of sinful flesh, very specific about what words. He uses in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering, and so he condemned in the flesh. He condemned sin in the flesh in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us who do not live according to the flesh, but according to the spirit, here's an Americanized version by a guy by the name of SH Hook. He wrote this in his book. And he wrote it to Britain. So he talks about Parliament. I'll put Congress in there, he says. The vine doesn't produce grapes by an act of Congress. Right. In in other words, in other words. The vine doesn't produce grapes cause. You told it to. Produce some grapes. And all of a sudden it has the power to produce grapes, just like the law doesn't give you the power. To obey the law. Right. The 10 Commandments don't give you the power to keep the 10 commandments. They just tell you these are the commandments and and beg you to keep the commandments. And you're like, why can't keep the hands? Well, keep keeping the commandments. And it drives you nuts. It says the vine doesn't produce grapes as an act of Congress, but they are the fruit of the Vine's own life. So the product that aligns with God's Kingdom is not produced by demand, not even God's. But it is the fruit of that divine nature which God gives us, gives as the result of what he has done in and by Christ.

OK.

In other words, demands don't make us righteous. The demands of the law don't make us righteous. They just tell us. In other words, the law can't make us good because our flesh can't do it all that the law can do is like a little toddler. Say Gimme, Gimme, Gimme Gimme Gimme make demand after demand after demand. The law is like a selfish. Toddler in that way. It's telling you. Ohh do this, you've got to do that or you gotta do this. Gotta do this. You're like, man, can you leave me alone? No. You gotta do this. You gotta do this. You didn't do this. You didn't. Feed me you. Didn't do this. You didn't give me this. You didn't take. Me to the store. You didn't buy me that toy. You didn't do this. The It's just telling me over. It's just demanding. Over and over. That's what the law does. That has nothing to do with fulfilling the law. Here it told us how the laws fulfilled, it says for what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh. God did by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh. He uses very specific wording here, watch what he says says in the lightness of sin flesh. Sinful flesh. He was sent in the flesh. But there wasn't any sin in his flesh. So he, you and I have sinful flesh. Our flesh is sin because we're born in Adam. We're born like that. He was born like that in order to make atonement. But he was born fleshly, but without the sin. OK. Without the sins so that he would have the capability to take on sin. Because he's flesh. But he won't take on the sin until he's on the cross, and it won't be his. It'll be yours. And mine. So what Jesus did was take all the sins of the world unto himself into himself, and he and he ended it by dying on the cross with all that sent upon him. And so verse three tells us this. We saw what the first and second verse says. The third verse tells us this, that in Christ's death he condemned sin. Right when you crucify sin, you're you're making a judgment on saying you're bad. I'm. I'm destroying it. You're being crucified. That's what. He did to. Sin all of the sin has been crucified and punished. And executed. Right. Because sin was crucified on the cross with Christ, and because it was crucified on the Cross of Christ, Sin loses its power in you if you're in Christ and the Holy Spirit God in you is now more powerful. And So what happens? It says in verse. We'll go back. To chapter 6, I don't know if I even have this, but here's what it said in six, six it said for we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. So here's verse four here's verse four. We'll finish up with this one. We're going to get through four whole verses today. Because, praise God, we're cruising in order that the righteous requirements of the. Might be fully met in Jesus who do not live according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. So verse four is telling us this is what verse four is telling us that the law's requirements are fully met. The law. That little child that's begging do this, do this. Do this just you got to do that. You got to do that. You take care of me. Do do these things. The law. That's that that toddler. That's just telling you to do stuff. The toddler's happy. OK, the toddler's happy. The the the toddler's not crying out, the toddler's not angry. The toddler's not not upset. Why? Because the toddler got everything that the toddler wanted. The law got everything that he wanted. Sin was punished. Sin was taken care of. The requirements of the law that if you disobey the law, then there's going to be punishment for the law death. That's been completely taken care of. And so the toddler's like, OK. Well, everything's fine. Because there has been death for the sin. In the person of Jesus. What he did on the cross. And so here's what verse four tells. Us the laws requirements are fully met. So you say, alright, what? What does this mean? Why is he doing this the way? He's doing. I'm gonna. Close up with this so so so you won't be. Here much longer, here's what. Here's what it's saying. He's not giving you a whole bunch of things to do, is he? You're like I'm this wretched person. How do I fix being a wretched person? What does he do to fix that in your life? He tells you who you really are. The problem is. That's the answer. The answer is not gritting your teeth and trying to be really good and trying to obey the law, right. Trying to obey that selfish toddler. That's not the answer. The answer is for you to understand the truth that you

already are in Christ. That there isn't any condemnation for you when when that condemnation the law is trying to condemn you. You're like, whoa, I'm in Christ, there's no condemnation for me. I'm recognizing who I really AM. And here's what I'm understanding. I'm understanding that that we're. I'm not under condemnation. I'm understanding that my sins. Already been condemned and punished. I'm understanding and believing by faith that the righteous requirements of the law have been met, so we always talk about Christianity and we say it's by faith you're saved by faith living your Christian life is by faith too. Living by faith is believing that what God said happened to you when he saved you. When you came into Christ, it's believing that that's true. It's not enough just to believe, well, God saved me and now I'm going to look at my circumstances and look at this and see this, this war going on in me. And so now I'm going to align myself and say that's who I really AM. That's not what God says, God said. I am in reality not condemned. I am in reality. All my sin has already been paid for. The requirements of the law have been completely met. The reality, and I believe this by faith. That I don't have to sin. Because Sin has died in me. Right. Sin is dead and I have the. Power of the. Holy Spirit within my life, because I'm in Christ. See the answer to living this out is to really fill yourself and understand and renew your mind. That I am in Christ, and this is my present reality that I am not a slave to sin. I don't have to sin. I belong to Jesus. You can condemn me all you want, but it doesn't matter because there's no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Every sin I ever committed has already been paid for 100%. And so we don't change the way we act in order to be different. We believe what God says about how we he's changed us and that changes the. Way you act. By the spirit living in you, because now you're living by faith. I know this is counterproductive, counterintuitive for many of you, because you lived by the flesh your whole life. But that is not how you live the Christian life we live the Christian life by surrendering and saying I am going to set my mind on the Holy Spirit. He's told me who I am. God has told me who I am. And now as a result, because I know who I am, I start to act like that because the Holy Spirit is given free reign to live. In my life. And all of a sudden I see. I'm not sinning like I used to. I'm not addicted to that thing that I was addicted to before all of a sudden I'm seeing victory in my life. Why? Because my mind has changed and my mind is set on Christ and is living as a person who is in Christ with God's size, power to live a God's life. This battle is. Fought in your head. It's fought in your mind because in your mind is where you've made decisions. Your mind is where you've set your goal. Your mind is where you've set your heart on God. It's all that's that's in your mind. The battle is not in my hands. It's not in my flesh. The battles up here. That's why that's why Paul tells us. That we need to renew our minds. That's why he tells us this. How do you live according to the spirit? Well, that's why there's more than 4 verses in Chapter 8. We're going to get into that next week, and I hope you come back and we can get deeper into. How do you live in the power of the spirit? What does it mean to surrender to the Holy Spirit and to live empowered by him? Because here's the key. A Christian life is not something anyone can live. As a matter of fact, you are unable to live a Christian life on your own. God called you to live a God sized life. God called you to live a life that's holy. A life that blesses people, a life that is way bigger than you just live by saying, well, I'm going to try to do what God wants me to do. That is not the life God called you. Do God. God, you do a God sized life, but you need God's size, power. To live a God sized life. And that's what he's talking about here. How do you live in the Holy Spirit? How do you surrender to the Holy Spirit? How do you live where God is working in? You and like. Wow, look at God. Look at what he's doing. That's not really me. That's God doing that. Boy, God's really good. Why don't you come up here? Let's do a last song. That sounds like good. We're. I'm right on time. See how you thought I was going to go over? But but I. Showed you guys. I'm just playing. Let me pray for us. God, thank you for for your your word. Got it. It's practical. This is. This is how we live as believers. And God, for there may be some in this room that are saying I am. I am condemned. I feel condemned. Because I know myself, I know what I've done and I know what I think. And I know what I say, and I and I know that and God and I know that your

loss says this and. And yeah, I feel bad about it. I feel condemned by it. God, I pray that you'd make this truth, that there is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus that would penetrate our hearts. And change us and cause us to cause us to live the way you want us to live as we surrender to your spirit and not to the flesh. We surrender to the spirit. We surrendered to God and not to the flesh. The spirit is way more powerful in us than the flesh. God, he loved you. Praise him, Jesus.