

I. There Is a Battle Every Believer

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. . . . ¹⁸ For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing . . . ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my *mind* and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Romans 7:15, 18-19; 22-24

 My Nature wages war against my Nature.

II. The Key to Victory is

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

III. to Surrender

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2a

IV. of Raising the White Flag

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2b

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Galatians 5:1

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. I Peter 5:6

Next Steps for October 4:

- ☐ Memorize Romans 12:1 in a translation that is easy to understand.
- Be in worship next Sunday for WHITE FLAG Week 2.
- Get involved in a Bible Fellowship and a HomeGroup.
- □ Wave the white flag and unconditionally surrender your life to Christ.