



Family preparation for congregational worship on May 07, 2017

Our Scripture-Romans 7:14-25 (ESV): For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 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. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ 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. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ 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.

Discuss:

1. What does Paul say about his attempts to follow the law?
2. How does Paul describe his struggle to do what is right?
3. Who does Paul turn to for rescue from his agonizing situation?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that He uses ordinary people to do His work. Praise God for His protection. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater insight into God's Word. Pray for the ministry of our church and the upcoming Vacation Bible School. Pray for Mark and Leslie Boyd, as they are involved in church planting in Germany. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (May) Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (ESV)

Music:

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior; Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.*

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not Pass me by.

*Trusting only in Thy merit, Would I seek Thy face.
Healy my wounded, broken spirit; Save me by Thy grace.*

Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not Pass me by.

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D E S I R E S O L D T K
S L C L O S E R V E H W
A O A Y R M K N T K I P
C N R D O I N G O O N D
A G R E E N O O H O G C
C E Y M K D W O A T P C
T R A E N R A D N K V N
I K B M O I N P D M Y R
O E I B T G T V W N F I
N E L E H H B H E V I L
S P I R I T U A L G N I
B C T S N S O T L S D E
N V Y E G F L E S H G S

ABILITY	ACTIONS	AGREE
CARRY	CLOSE	DESIRE
DOING	DWELLS	EVIL
FIND	FLESH	GOOD
HAND	HATE	KEEP
KNOW	LIES	LONGER
MEMBERS	MIND	NOTHING
RIGHT	SERVE	SOLD
SPIRITUAL	THING	WANT