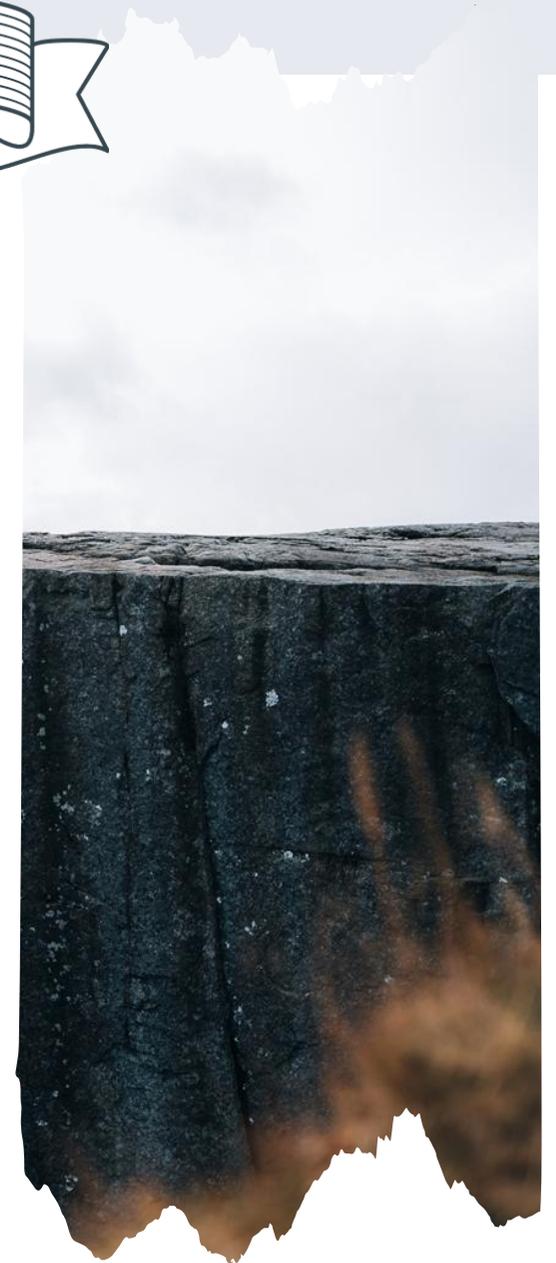




SOLD INTO BONDAGE TO SIN



The conflict that rages
within **believers**





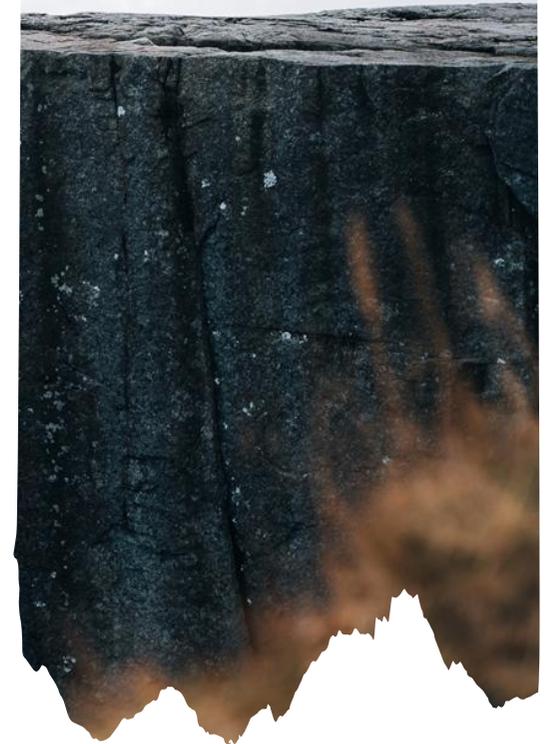
TWO COMMON ERRORS:

- 1 Many believe that Romans 7 is describing an **unbeliever**.
- 2 Too many believers look at the struggle in this passage as if this is describing the **normal** Christian life.



Romans 7:14-16

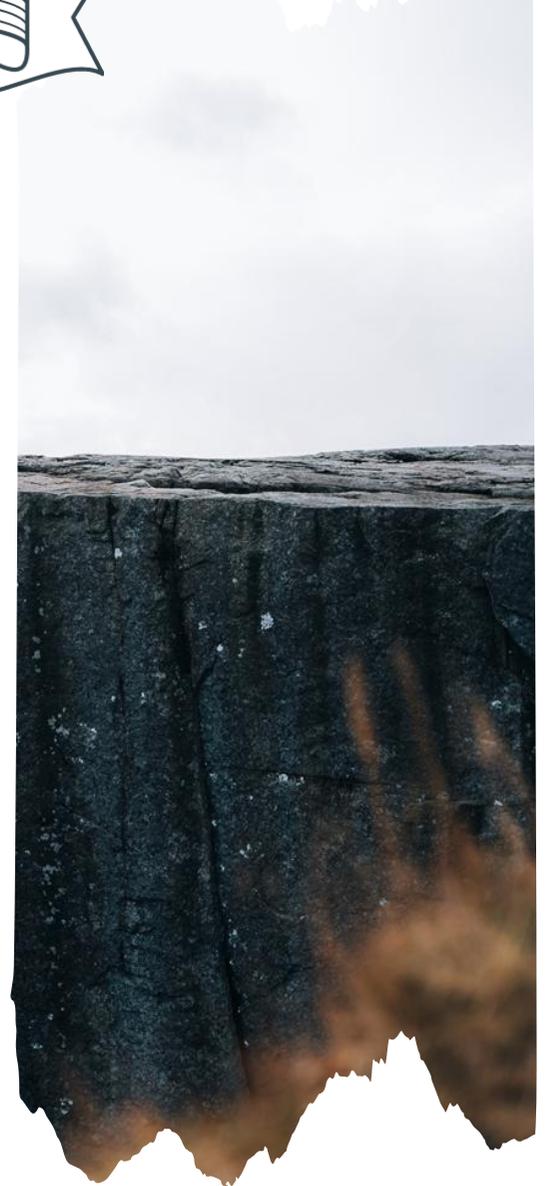
- » The struggle described in Chapter 7 doesn't lead to victory, but to **defeat!**



Romans 7:14-16

“For we know that
the Law is spiritual,
but I am of flesh,
sold into bondage
to sin.”

Romans 7:14



Romans 7:14-16

“For what I am doing,
I do not understand;
for I am not
practicing what I
would like to *do*, but
I am doing the very
thing I hate.”

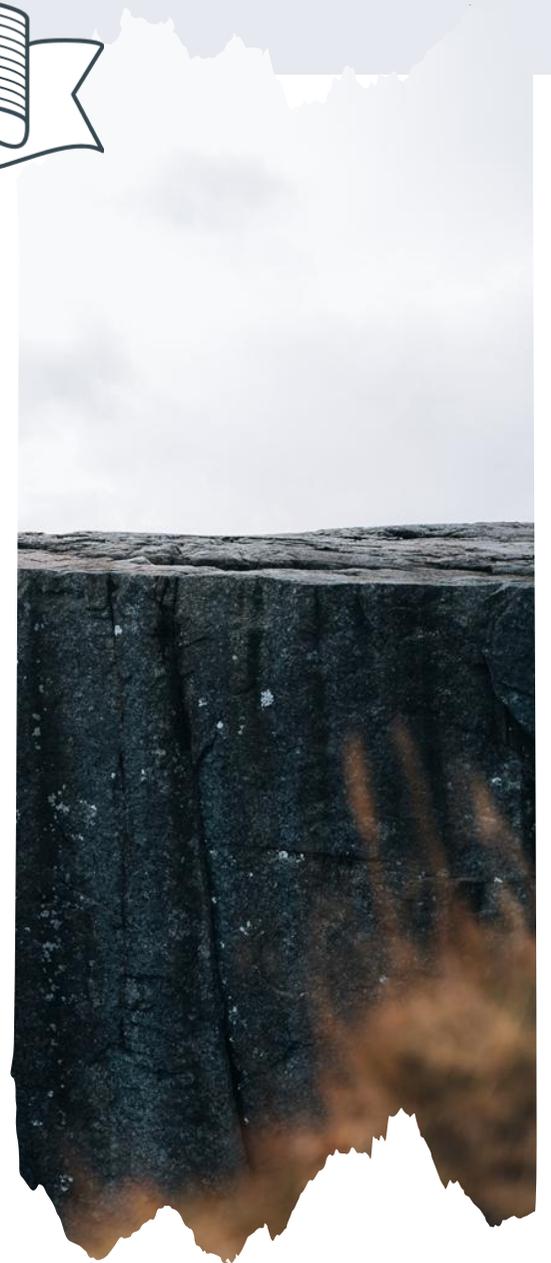
Romans 7:15



Romans 7:14-16

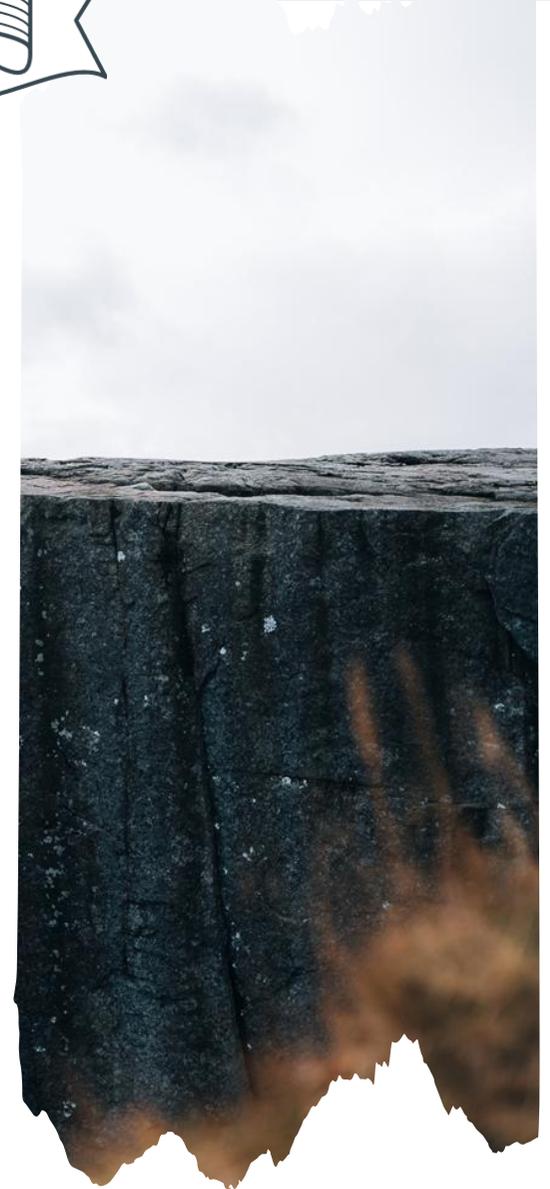
“But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.”

Romans 7:15





» The whole **purpose** of this conflict is to teach us that if we are **ever** going to live the Christian life it's going to have to be lived by CHRIST and **not** ME!



Romans 7:14-16

“After the believer enters into life by faith, he wonders why it was so difficult for him to see that it was all of grace-the humble reception of a finished work. And yet he goes through the faithless struggle once again before he sees that his daily Christian life is also a finished work-complete in Christ.”

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