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Lesson 92: 2 Samuel 12:1-14 Once Upon a Time....

Read Romans 7:14-25. What things does Paul tell us he does in verse 15?

Can you relate to Paul at all in this?

Are there sins in your life that you hate, but you continue to find yourself sinning? (This is NOT talking about feeling slightly guilty over sin, but of godly sorrow and repentance and a loathing for that sin that has you enslaved.)

According to verse 18, does anything good dwell in our flesh?

Where does all our goodness come from?

What law does Paul find in verse 21?

Who will deliver us from these fleshly bodies bent on death and destruction?

Read Galatians 5:16-17. Describe the interaction between the desires of the flesh and the desires of the Spirit?

If we love the things of the flesh, what must we hate?

If we love the things of the Spirit, what must we hate?

Read 1 John 2:15-17. If you love the things of the world, what is not in you?

Where are the desires of the flesh from?

What desires are passing away?

Read Philippians 2:14-16. What will be evidence that the church in Philippi held fast to Paul's words?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. When we are in Christ, what are we now?

Is this of our own doing?

Grab a dictionary and define "ambassador". How are we to be ambassadors for Christ? How can we represent Him to the world, reflecting positively on our Savior and teacher?

Read Ezekiel 36:26-28. What kind of heart do we start out with?

Who gives us hearts of flesh?

Can we do that for ourselves?

What else will God put within us? What will His Spirit cause us to do?

As you spend time with God today, consider where your heart truly is. Do you hate your sin, or do you love it? Is your heart soft to the call of repentance from your Father, or is it stone? Ask God to help you to persevere in battling your flesh, as the war that Paul describes in Romans 7 wages within your flesh as well. Acknowledge and admit that, and then cling to HIS strength to defeat your flesh. Ask Him to continually remind you that all the desires of this world are truly passing away. Ask Him to put within you a heart that desires the things that are eternal, and ask Him to help you to listen to His Spirit as it causes you to walk in His statutes today, and every day.