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Renewed: Living Life God's Way! Pt. 2

Renewed Theme Verse:

2 Corinthians 5:17, *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

Romans 7:15, *I* do not understand what *I* do. For what *I* want to do *I* do not do, but what *I* hate *I* do. 16 And if *I* do what *I* do not want to do, *I* agree that the law is good... 18 ... For *I* have the **desire** to do what is good, but *I* cannot carry it out... 21 So *I* find this law at work: Although *I* want to do good, evil is right there with me. 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? 25 Thanks be to God, Who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:1, Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit Who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 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 to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, **who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.

Four Thoughts On Spiritual Renewal:

**1) I Must Get FED UP With My Distance FROM GOD

Luke 15:13, "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

Isaiah 59:2, But your iniquities have **separated** you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you...

2) I Must OWN UP To My OWN SINFULNESS

Luke 15:17, "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against Heaven and against you.

3) I Must Come To God In COMPLETE HUMILITY

Luke 15:19, *I am no longer worthy* to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father.

Important Truth: You Are As <u>CLOSE</u> To God As You <u>CHOOSE</u> To Be.

Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart."

4) I Must Celebrate God's GRACE IN MY LIFE

Luke 15:20, …"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him... 22"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

Important Truth: Spiritual Renewal Is A <u>PROCESS</u>, But There Has To Be A Starting <u>POINT</u>!

Action Steps For Your Spiritual Renewal:

- Make Worship Service a priority during the Renewed Series: Saturday

5:00p, Sundays 9:30a & 11:00a, or Online at www.cottonwoodcreek.org.

- Go by the Connect Wall and find a Life Group or Home Group to join for the Renewed Series.

- Read or listen to the Pastor's Daily Devotional on social media FB: John Mark Caton or Instagram.

- Get the Renewed verse of the day by texting VERSE to 77978.