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Don't Look Back: Winning The War Over Sin

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## **Romans 6:1-14**

As a Christian, going back to a life of sin is like winning the lottery but continuing to live in poverty.

As a Christian, we are freed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin over us, not the \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

Winning The War Over Sin: A Battleplan

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3, 6, 9)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 12-13a)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13b-14)

Acts of God within a Christian

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Martin Luther

*"You can't stop birds from flying above your head, but you can stop them from building a nest in your hair."*

You cannot control thoughts or temptations that enter your mind, but you can choose how you respond to them.

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### Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? What is something you wish you could cut out of your life (social media, movies, sweets, etc.)? What is something you wish you could add to your life (exercise, reading, etc.)?
3. How can living a Christian life freed from the power of sin help us when temptation comes?
4. If, as Christians, we are dead to sin, then why do we still struggle so much?
5. Go back and look at the battleplan Paul gives us for winning the war over sin. How is this going in your life? Where do you see victory? Where are you still seeing defeat?
6. How does the Holy Spirit play a role in helping you win the war over sin?  
Read John 14:16, 14:26, 16:8, Galatians 5:16-25
7. Review the three acts of God within a Christian that were discussed in the sermon. How do these give you encouragement and confidence in your faith?
8. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What does each piece of armor represent to the believer? Why are they so important? Would you make a decision to recite and pray over these verses each day for the next 2 weeks?

A battleplan to win the war over sin on your own will fail. You cannot truly reason, reckon, resist, and replace sin apart from the Holy Spirit living inside of you. Have you received the Good News? Have you accepted Jesus into your life as Savior and Lord? If not, would you read these verses in Romans and receive Jesus as Savior and Lord today? Romans 3:10-18, 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 8:38-39, 10:8-10, 10:13, 10:17

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Romans 6:1-14) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?