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FREE, Part 3: Staying Dead

INTRODUCTION

Sin is not my master. I am dead to sin but alive to God.

If we're dead to sin, if sin isn't our master, how do we live that out? Living as a slave to sin takes no initiative on our part. What does it look like to live without sin as master over our mouths, our eyes, our minds, our insecurities, our appetites?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Last week, we asked you to think about one lie about your life that you need to begin to tell yourself the truth about. How did it go? What did you learn about yourself?
2. How would you define the word "sin"?
3. Have you ever tried to conquer sin in your life through will-power? What happened?
4. When you wrestle with sin, which side of the argument do you identify with, Adam (here I go again) or Christ (sin is not my master)?
5. Read Colossians 3:1-4. What do you think Paul means when he writes that "*you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ*"? Why is it hard to live as though this is the truth?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to stop trying to imitate Christ and to let him live his life *through* you? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

When sin comes calling, it comes against Christ *in you*. You can't handle it, but Christ can—not because he's more disciplined, but because your life dwells in him.

Everyday, *declare* that sin is not your master, *decide* not to let sin rule you, and *devote* the members of your physical body as instruments of right-doing.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12