

UNSTUCK











Paul Was Stuck

Romans 7:15-19

¹⁵ I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't.

¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Romans 15:22-25

²² I love God's law with all my heart.

²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?

²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Peter Got Stuck

Matthew 26:33-35 (NLT)

³³ Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

³⁵ “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Galatians 2:11-14 (NLT)

¹¹ But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong.

¹² When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.

Galatians 2:11-14 (NLT)

¹³ As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"

Sometimes memories sneak
out of my eyes and roll
down my cheeks!



A small, light brown teddy bear with a white snout and a bright blue ribbon around its neck is sitting in a field of fallen autumn leaves. The bear is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a soft-focus landscape of green grass and brown, orange, and yellow leaves, suggesting an autumn setting.

Sometimes
it's better to be
Alone....
Nobody can
hurt you.



You can only let someone
throw so many stones at you
before you pick them all up,
put them together
and build a wall
to keep them from
doing it again!

When we are wounded emotionally, it hinders our ability to grow spiritually.

