



## Session 6

**Title:** How to reject passivity in your spiritual growth

**Passages:** Genesis 2 & 3; Romans 7 & 8; Matthew 4 & 26

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### ORIGINAL SIN

OS 1: \_\_\_\_\_ redefines \_\_\_\_\_. (**Gn 3:1, 3, 4**; Mt 4:3-10; Lk 4:3-12; 1 Jn 2:15-17)

OS 2: \_\_\_\_\_ begins with \_\_\_\_\_. (**Gn 3:6**; 2 Sa 11:2; Mt 4:3-10; Lk 4:3-12; Ja 1:14-15)

OS 3: \_\_\_\_\_ strategy depends on \_\_\_\_\_. (**Gn 3:13**; Dn 8:25; Jn 8:44; 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Co 11:3, 14; Ep 5:6, 6:11; 2 Th 2:9-10; Re 12:9, 13:13-14, 20:3)

### INDWELLING SIN

IS 1: Believers still have a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Sa 11; Ps 51; Ec 7:20; Is 64:6; Je 17:9; Ma 18:15-17; Ro 5:12, **7:18-20**; Ga 2:11-14, 5:13,16-21; Ep 4:22-24; Co 3:5; 1 Ti 5:19-20; Ja 3:2, 5:16; 2 Jo 2:1)

IS 2: The \_\_\_\_\_ is real for every believer, every day, until eternity. (2 Sa 11; Ps 51; **Ro 6:15-22, 7:21-24**, 8:23-24; Ga 2:11, 5:13-26; 2 Jo 2:1)

IS 3: The solution to every believer's \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is in Jesus. (Jo 3:3-21; **Ro 7:25**; Ga 5:13-25; Ep 4:20-21; 2 Th 3:3; 2 Ti 4:18; 1 Jo 2:1-6, 3:5-6; Re 12:10-11)

### SLAYING SIN

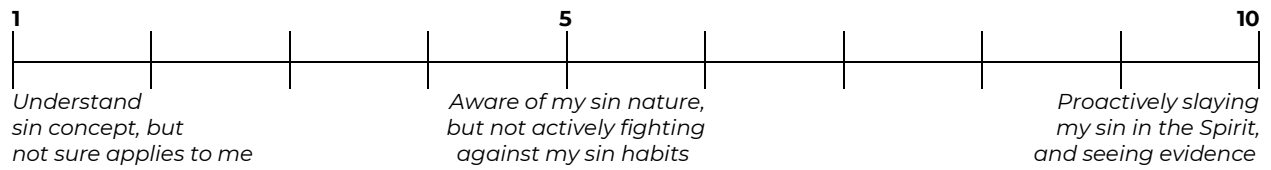
SS 1: Believers gain life in this life by \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn 10:10; **Ro 6:12-14, 8:13**; Ga 5:13-25; Co 3:5-15; 1 Th 5:22)

SS 2: Slay sin by \_\_\_\_\_. (De 8:3, 6:13,16; 2 Sa 22; Is 54:17, 41:10; Jo 1:8-9; Ps 1:1-3, 19:7, 91:11-12, 119:11, 105; **Mt 4:3-10**; Lk 4:3-12; Jn 8:31-32, 15:7; 1 Co 10:13; Ep 4:20-24, 5:26, 6:17; 2 Ti 3:16-17; He 4:12; 2 Pe 1:3)

SS 3: Slay sin by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Sa 22; Ps 23, 91; **Mt 6:9-13, 18:19, 26:41**; Lk 11:2-10; Jn 17; Ja 4:7; 1 Co 10:13; 2 Th 3:1-5; 1 Pe 5:8-9)

## Discussion Questions:

1. On a “sin-slaying” scale of 1 to 10, where would you rate yourself today (honestly)?



2. If it was you (instead of Adam) watching the serpent tempt your wife (instead of Eve), how do you think you would have responded (honestly)?
3. What are some common temptations facing men today in your stage of life?
4. Read out loud Romans 8:13. How do you understand the fine line between man's role and the Spirit's role in fighting temptation/sin in the believer's life?
5. Do you agree that “slaying sin” in our own life is one of the most fundamental ways Christian men can lead courageously in a hostile world? Why, or why not?
6. What's an example of ways you're currently fighting against temptations in your life? And are you seeing encouraging evidence of your Spirit-enabled efforts?
7. What, if anything, is preventing you today from “slaying sin” in the ways we see Jesus demonstrate: by a) knowing Scripture, and b) praying for spiritual strength?



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OS 1: Temptation redefines reality. (**Gn 3:1, 3, 4**; Mt 4:3-10; Lk 4:3-12; 1 Jn 2:15-17)

OS 2: Temptation begins with lust. (**Gn 3:6**; 2 Sa 11:2; Mt 4:3-10, Lk 4:3-12; Ja 1:14-15)

OS 3: Satan's strategy depends on deception. (**Gn 3:13**; Dn 8:25; Jn 8:44; 1 Cor 15:33; 2 Co 11:3, 14; Ep 5:6, 6:11; 2 Th 2:9-10; Re 12:9, 13:13-14, 20:3)

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IS 1: Believers still have a sinful nature. (2 Sa 11; Ps 51; Ec 7:20; Is 64:6; Je 17:9; Ma 18:15-17; Ro 5:12, **7:18-20**; Ga 2:11-14, 5:13,16-21; Ep 4:22-24; Co 3:5; 1 Ti 5:19-20; Ja 3:2, 5:16; 2 Jo 2:1)

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IS 3: The solution to every believer's current sin struggle is in Jesus. (Jo 3:3-21; **Ro 7:25**; Ga 5:13-25; Ep 4:20-21; 2 Th 3:3; 2 Ti 4:18; 1 Jo 2:1-6, 3:5-6; Re 12:10-11)

### SLAYING SIN

SS 1: Believers gain life in this life by slaying our sinful nature. (Jn 10:10; **Ro 6:12-14, 8:13**; Ga 5:13-25; Co 3:5-15; 1 Th 5:22)

SS 2: Slay sin by knowing Scripture. (De 8:3, 6: 13,16; 2 Sa 22; Is 54:17, 41:10; Jo 1:8-9; Ps 1:1-3, 19:7, 91:11-12, 119:11, 105; **Mt 4:3-10**; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:3-12; Jn 8:31-32, 15:7; 1 Co 10:13; Ep 4:20-24, 5:26, 6:17; 2 Ti 3:16-17; He 4:12; 2 Pe 1:3)

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## **Matt Derian**

Should the Lord take me home before He returns, I pray that everyone who knew me could say I was well aware that *everything* I had—that is good—was from above. And the best of these gifts includes eternal life, my beautiful bride and our four wonder-full kids. God also saw fit to have me start my professional career as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, before calling me to seminary, and then into corporate roles in sales and marketing. Today, I am honored to serve Hill Country Bible Church through the Small Group ministry, Saturate Austin Institute, and ultimately fanning the flame

of devoted disciples of Jesus. And in my disappearing spare time, I prefer to unwind around a golf course or a smoke pit.