

## **February Teaching Theme: Lent**

**讲员** Speaker: Pastor Linghui Tain

**题目** Topic: "Win the Battle In Christ"

**经文** Scripture: Romans 7:14-25, 8:1-2

**Monthly Theme:** This month we are going to spend time reflecting upon matters of spiritual formation, discipline, and the process of sanctification in light of Lent season. This month for much of the Church in the world begins a season called "Lent," from February 17th to April 3rd this year. Lent is a time to "travel with Jesus towards his death." In this season, we spend extra time in repentance through self-examination and renewal through identification with Jesus on his journey. This season is characterized by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (generosity). Much of the Christian life and spiritual formation is the battle of living like Jesus and not participating in evil (sin). Growing into the likeness of Jesus is both the work of the Holy Spirit and the choice to submit to the Holy Spirit in the choices we make. We kicked off the series this month, spending time reflecting on "Who We Are Becoming" and with whose eyes we see the world, ourselves, and others. Pastor Tian continued this week, talking about winning the battle in Christ.

### **二月 February – 四旬期 Lent**

7th – Who Are We Becoming? (Phil 3)

14th - 舍己的争战 The Battle of Self-Denial (罗马书 Romans 7:7-8:1-2 and/or 诗篇 Proverbs 5) (四旬期 Lent)

21st – 祈祷与谦卑的争战 The Battle of Prayer & Humility (路加福音 Luke 18:1-14) (四旬期 Lent)

28th – 爱的争战 The Battle of Love (约翰一书 1 John 4:7-21) (四旬期 Lent)

### **Resources:**

[Sermon Video](#)

[Sermon Slides](#)

### **Discussion Questions (Pastor Tian)**

Read Romans 7:14-8:4 together. What observations do you make and what stands out to you? How would you summarize the passage?

一、在现实生活中，你是否因着自己的信仰而内心有过挣扎的时刻？你最终的选择是什么？In real life, have you ever had a moment of struggle in your heart because of your beliefs? What is your final choice?

二、在工作和社会中，你是否遇到因着要保留自己工作的机会必须做出与信仰相悖的事情？如果有，你是如何做的？如果现在没有/将来遇到，你会做出怎样的选择？In work and society, do you encounter things that are contrary to your beliefs because you want to keep your job opportunities? If so, how did you do it? If you don't have it now/in the future, what choice would you make?

三、基督徒得胜的秘诀是什么？如何理解“靠着我们的主耶稣就能脱离了”？What is the secret of Christian victory? How to understand "We can be freed by our Lord Jesus"?

四、如何理解“圣灵的律在基督耶稣里释放了我”这句话？现实生活中，圣灵常是通过什么光照和引导我们？How to understand the sentence "The law of the Holy Spirit released me in Christ Jesus"? In real life, how does the Holy Spirit illuminate and guide us?

Sermon Summary (Elder Yin)

## 在基督里得胜

田传道2月14日

"我们原晓得律法是属乎灵的，但我是属乎肉体的，是已经卖给罪了。因为我所做的，我自己不明白；我所愿意的，我并不做；我所恨恶的，我倒去做。若我所做的，是我所不愿意的，我就应承律法是善的。既是这样，就不是我做的，乃是住在我里头的罪做的。我也知道，在我里头，就是我肉体之中，没有良善。因为，立志为善由得我，只是行出来由不得我。故此，我所愿意的善，我反不做；我所不愿意的恶，我倒去做。若我去做所不愿意做的，就不是我做的，乃是住在我里头的罪做的。我觉得有个律，就是我愿意为善的时候，便有恶与我同在。因为按着我里面的意思，我是喜欢 神的律；但我觉得肢体中另有个律和我心中的律交战，把我掳去，叫我附从那肢体中犯罪的律。我真是苦啊！谁能救我脱离这取死的身体呢？感谢 神，靠着我们的主耶稣基督 就能脱离了。这样看来，我以内心顺服 神的律，我肉体却顺服罪的律了。"

罗马书 7:14-25

"如今，那些在基督耶稣里的就不定罪了。因为赐生命 圣 灵的律，在基督耶稣里释放了我，使我脱离罪和死的律了。"

罗马书 8:1-2

电影〈神已死了〉，josh 拒绝签字说神已经死了。很多人签字。有人把神的英文是签是小g。为什么有基督徒也签，因为屈服于社会的影响。外界的影响对我们的影响很大。基督徒在这世界上有很多的争战。

一，成圣路上的争战

亚裔美籍还是有以前文化的影响。在基督主里有得救，新生命。但还有旧生命的影响。时常影响我们的生活是内在的争战。有人信主后改变了，不再看色情网站。但挣扎得厉害。两个律，罗7：21-23："我觉得有个律，就是我愿意为善的时候，便有恶与我同在。因为按着我里面的意思，我是喜欢 神的律；但我觉得肢体中另有个律和我心中的律交战，把我掳去，叫我附从那肢体中犯罪的律。"

其实来主日崇拜也有属灵的争战。有来教会前的争吵。撒旦建诱惑我们，把问题归在外界环境或者他人。

-家庭中争战，有关书〈你心归我〉，夫妻争吵。心灵不要被世俗束缚而要被圣灵充满。

-教会中争战，是属灵的家，为小事吵，虽知道不应这样做，应该有爱合一，但还是争吵

-社会中的争战，这世界不会给我平安喜乐的。罗马帝国对基督徒迫害。中国共产党迫害基督教，美国也有某种程度的迫害。

-属灵中的争战，其实是内心中的争战，表面上看为政治，环境，他人，背后是魔鬼的工作。吸引我们注重自己的价值观念理念，是撒旦的工作。不是兄弟姐妹的争战。

## 二，在基督里得胜的秘诀

保罗没要我们逃脱，隐士苦行生。而是罗7：25：“感谢神，靠着我们的主耶稣基督就能脱离了。……。”

我们需要过得胜的生活。靠基督过得胜的生活，答案如何能做？

罗8：1-2：“如今，那些在基督耶稣里的就不定罪了。因为赐生命圣灵的律，在基督耶稣里释放了我，使我脱离罪和死的律了。”

为什么不能过成圣的生活？因为没有在基督里。怎样能在基督里？需要基本功，圣经和祷告，与神建立关系。上帝的话是灵，通过理解神的话语，了解神的旨意。多少时候我们读经还是欠缺。为电视机作神（也许是电脑，手机）手机时间远过祷告读经的时间，这就是不能得神的力，不是神不帮我们而是我们不给神机会。出于神的话语没有一句不带能力的，我们需要悔改。给神时间，祂可对我们讲话。

总结：新的挑战，为上帝来争战，为我们和神建立关系，15分钟一天读三章经文，

Win the battle in Christ

Romans 7::14-25, 8:1-2

Happy Chinese New Year and happy Valentine's Day!

Sacrifice and battle

Pastor Peter's evening family devotion and movie time. Lately they saw "God is not dead" the pressure of signing a statement to deny the existence of God, Josh was under pressure, he had to prove that God is not dead. The movie touched pastor Peter's daughter. She prayed much longer prayer the next day

In the movie other Christians at the class, knew what's wrong and right, yet bend the truth, signed the statement.

How to handle the pressure like this?

Surrender?

1. The battle of sanctification

Not smooth sailing after believe Jesus.

In Christ we have new life, in status we are saved, not under the law of sin, yet still live in a world full of temptation, old personalities and habits still impact our life today.

(1)The internal battle

Exp of watch pornography

Romans 7:21-23 although I want to be good, evil inside of me battle with me, waging war against the law, making me a prisoner of the law of sin

Every time we go to church, is a spiritual battle. God is real, Satan is real too. Blame our environment and others

(2) Battle in our family

Book of Give me your heart.

Man and woman deal with conflict differently. The battles stay in our hearts. Get a person's heart, you get his mind

Guide your heart by God's words

When we argue, our personal wants go above God's words, we don't even want to pray because as soon as we knee down, the HS would point out our sins!

(3) The battles inside the church

Our spiritual home, a place to grow up together. Conflicts are unavoidable. We should love each other, as brothers and sisters

(4) Battles in society

Jesus pray for Father's protection for the disciples. We don't belong to this world, so don't expect comfort from it

Persecution of Christians during Roman ruling

In mainland China, persecution, church taken down

In US we also have persecution, like the movie "God is not dead"

Teacher got suspended, just because mentioning Jesus's name

(5) Spiritual Battles

Ephesians 6:12 battle with Satan

On the surface, we battle w different points of view, in fact, Satan is behind all. He used that to attack us, let us focus on our own hurts, our own desires. Prevent from loving God

2. Secrets of victory in Christ 7:24-25

Not by avoid the crowd, self-saving, but by depending on God's grace.

Not by depriving ourselves,

HS continuously leads us to live a holy life

Romans 8:1-2 no condemnation in Christ Jesus, set free from the law of sin and death.

Through god's words, the Bible, God guides our life

John 6:63 God's words give life

Satan often trick us to remove God's words from our mind

New psalms 23 😊

TV, cell phone, computer are our god

The root cause of our failure

We choose not give God time to guide us, in the end we blame God

Bible tells us each single word in the Bible has power

We need repentance, spend time in God's words

Rev 12:11

Summary

New year, new start!!

forget behind, move forward

Pray for your loved one

Pray for our relationship with god. Challenge everyone to Read Bible at least 15' a day. Raise your right hand to devote your time with God, and promise to God to seek his words & guide. Submit to God's guidance. Please strengthen our hearts, give us power, Amen!