PAUL'S INTERNAL STRUGGLE WITH THE LAW
(To Know the Sin in Me, Part 2)

Romans 7:14–25
Key Verses: 7:24–25a

1. Beginning with verse 14, notice how Paul suddenly switches to the present tense. What might his purpose be, and what does this mean to us?

2. Count how often Paul repeats in these 12 verses the forms of the word "I" (including "my" and "me"). Who is missing here (see verse 6), and how does it prepare us for chapter 8?

3. How does Paul contrast the law with himself (14–16)? How would you describe being in this condition?

4. What does Paul repeat (17–20)? What is the real cause of his dilemma, and what does this tell us about sin?

5. What "law" does Paul identify (21–23)? In this conflict, which side is winning, and why? What does it tell us about our mind and willpower?

6. Read verse 24. What does Paul mean by "Wretched man that I am!" In his cry, what question does he ask? Why does he use the expression "deliver me"? Why is this struggle and this honest self-discovery necessary for every believer?

7. Read verse 25a. How does this express Paul's faith? How are his words a help to us? What is his final conclusion (25b), and why does he repeat this?