Rethink Possible

Part 4

Key Scriptures: Romans 7:1-6; Romans 8:1; Romans 7:7-14; 2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 7:15-19; Romans 7:24-25

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What kind of books do you enjoy reading? (Fiction, Non-fiction, Self-Help, Romance, Biography, etc.) What is your favorite book?
- Give one lesson that you learned from your favorite book. (Explain the character, background, and circumstance surrounding the lesson you learned.)

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Romans 7:1-6. Why is Paul talking about death here? What power does Jesus have that frees us from condemnation from the Law?
- Read Romans 7:7-14. Paul talks about "coveting". How would you define coveting? (Exodus 20:17) Do not covet is the tenth commandment. What makes it different from the previous 9 commandments? If it demonstrates that we can have sinful thoughts, how do we let God transform our minds? (Romans 12:2)
- Read Romans 7:15-19. Have you ever felt this way? Explain. What has God provided to help us with this most frustrating thing? (Romans 7:25)

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- When you enter into a relationship with Jesus, your life is no longer ruled by the law; your life is now ruled by what? Where does this come from?
- What does the Law help us define? Can the Law do what Jesus did? With that in mind, how does Romans 8:1 impact our view of the Law?
- What does it mean that "Information does not always produce transformation."? What does produce transformation in your life?
- Paul, can Scripture do for us according to 2 Timothy 3:16? Do you have a story of God's Word teaching, rebuking, correcting, or training you? Share one of those stories.

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Your willpower may not be enough to say no to sin, but your willpower is strong
enough to say yes to Jesus. Pray for one another in your small group (or for a friend if
you are studying alone) that they may find strength in Jesus and the power of the Holy
Spirit.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

 Remember, it is the Law that tells us what to do... but Jesus tells us follow Him and to listen to His voice (John 10:27-28). Commit to learning God's voice by daily reading your Bible. (The <u>YouVersion Bible App</u> is a great way to start daily Bible reading!)