

PAUL'S STRUGGLE WITH THE FLESH

ROMANS 7

THE FLESH

The Law in My Members

Romans 7:23

SIN
DWELLING
IN ME

SELFISH
DESIRES

PRIDE

ANGER

LUST

ENVY

FEAR

LAWLESSNESS

"...another law in my members,
warring against the law of my mind,
and bringing me into captivity..."

Romans 7:23

"For I delight
in the law of God
according to the
inward man..."

Romans 7:22

THE SPIRIT

The Law of God"

Romans 7:25

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

SELF-CONTROL

"...I myself serve the
law of God with the
mind, but with the flesh
the law of sin."

Romans 7:25

"WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM!"
WHO WILL DELIVER ME FROM THIS BODY OF DEATH?

Romans 7:24

THANKS BE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

Romans 7:25

Romans 7:15-24 ESV - For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

2 Corinthians 13:5 ESV — Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Is my trust in Christ?

Is my life characterized by obedience to Him?

Can Christ be seen living in me?

Am I living according to the gospel I profess?

Am I truly putting forth the effort?

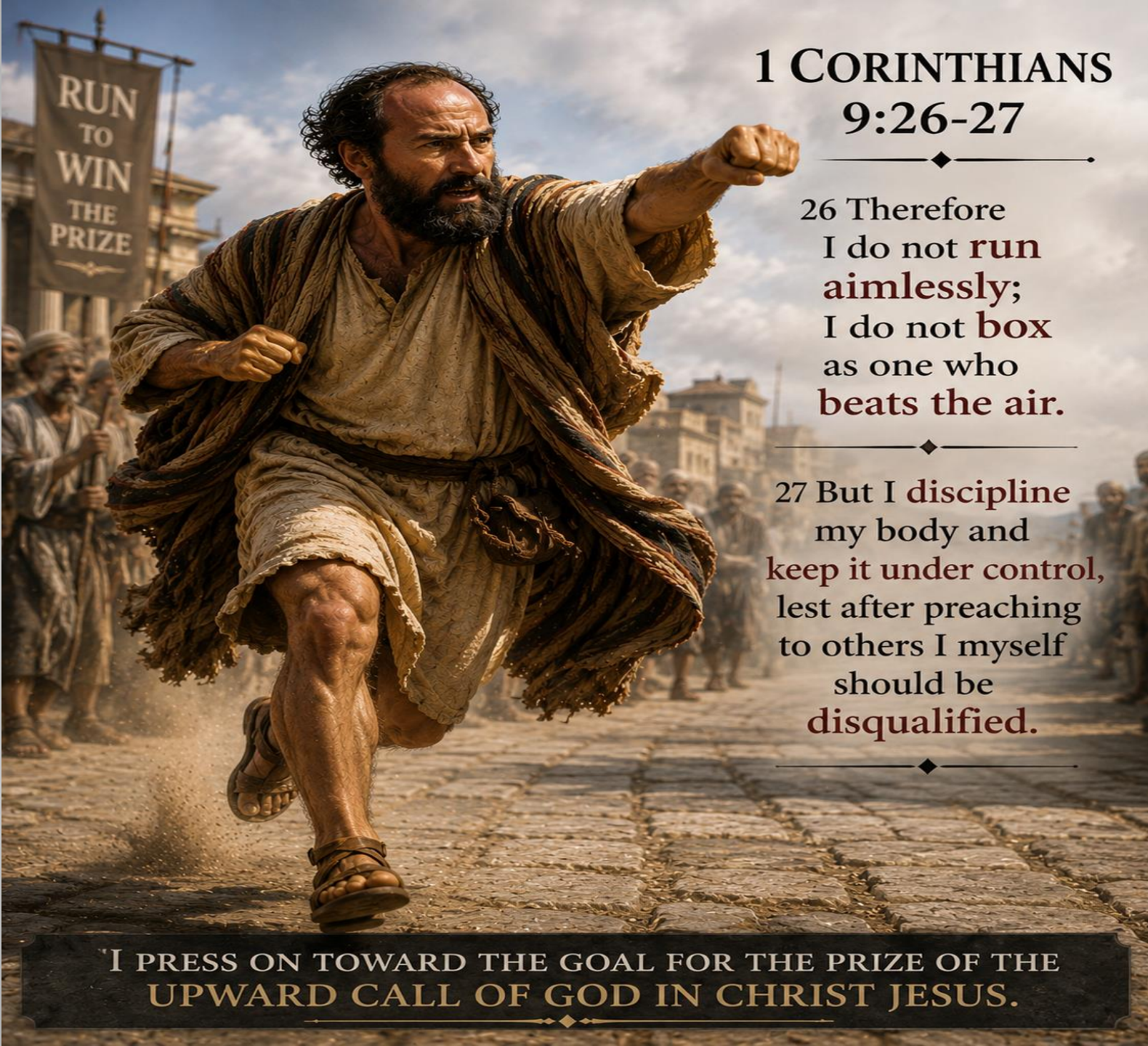
Two Observations:

That's me he described

I don't know if I struggle like that

Why is that?

2 Corinthians 10:12 ESV — Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

A man with a beard and curly hair, wearing a brown robe and sandals, is running vigorously on a cobblestone path. He is pointing forward with his right hand. In the background, a banner on a pole reads "RUN TO WIN THE PRIZE". Other people are visible in the distance, also running.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:26-27

26 Therefore
I do not **run**
aimlessly;
I do not **box**
as one who
beats the air.

27 But I **discipline**
my body and
keep it under control,
lest after preaching
to others I myself
should be
disqualified.

**"I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL FOR THE PRIZE OF THE
UPWARD CALL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS."**

1 JOHN 2:16-17

For all that is in the world—
the **lust of the flesh**,
the **lust of the eyes**,
and the **pride of life**—
is not of the Father
but is of the world.

And the world is passing away,
and the lust of it; but he who
does the will of God
abides forever.



CHOOSE TODAY WHAT LASTS FOREVER.

This world and its desires pass away, but doing God's will remains.

THE FLESH



GALATIANS 5:17-21

- 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are **contrary** to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
- 18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law.
- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,**
- 21 **envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries,** and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things **will not inherit** the kingdom of God.

THE SPIRIT



LOVE



JOY



PEACE



PATIENCE



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FAITHFULNESS



GENTLENESS



SELF-CONTROL

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 ESV — And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

ROMANS 7:25–8:4

FROM STRUGGLE TO VICTORY IN CHRIST



ROMANS 7:25

I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, I myself with my mind serve the law of God, but with my flesh the law of sin.

ROMANS 8:1

There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has **set you free** from the law of sin and of death.

ROMANS 8:3

For **God has done** what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

ROMANS 8:4

in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be **fulfilled in us**, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

