



Perfectly imperfect

Week 1: Thursday



Reading

Romans 7.15-19, 24-25

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 that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Reflection

In our reading, Paul opens up about his own inner battles, reaching a point where he honestly admits, 'I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.' He understood that being a Christian doesn't prevent him struggling to do the right thing.

Many of us face persistent weaknesses and habits we constantly fight against. Despite our best efforts, we often find ourselves back in the same place, leading to frustration and self-criticism. We can be too hard on ourselves.

The more we try to save ourselves by our own strength and wisdom, the more hopeless our situation becomes. Paul came to realize that perfection is not the goal. He does not have to be flawless, because Jesus Christ is perfect, and God can work through our imperfections. The point is to bring everything to our loving God.

Challenge

What do you do when you are frustrated with weaknesses? How can these weaknesses be spaces where you encounter God?



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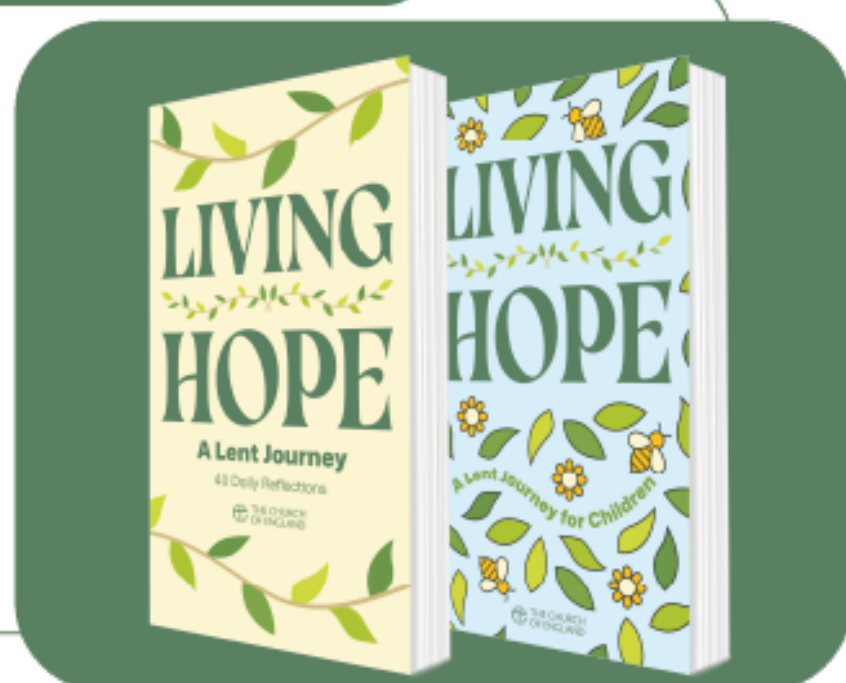
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