

Necessary Conversations

09/29 – **Domestic Violence** (follow up: Oct 2)

10/06 – **Racism** (follow up: Oct 9)

10/13 – **Mental Health** (follow up: Oct 16)

10/20 – **Substance Abuse** (follow up: Oct 23)

10/27 – **Pornography** (follow up: Oct 30)

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I don't want to do what is wrong, but I
do it anyway.

Romans 7v24-25

Oh, what a miserable person I am!
Who will free me from this life that is
dominated by sin and death?

Thank God!

The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8v1-2

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Researchers: “These addictions increasing are *directly proportional* to a growing sense of *disconnection* with others.”

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It is for freedom that
Christ has set you free.

(Galatians 5:1)

