



WEEK #4: THE DESPERADO IN ME

INTRODUCTION

When someone you care about just can't seem to stop making bad choices, the day-to-day can be a grind, especially when it's someone you rely on. Seeing the mistakes and watching the heartbreak, day in and day out, will take a toll on a person after a while. We know desperados can come to their senses, but how do we navigate daily life with wisdom in the meantime?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take a look at the characteristics of a desperado listed below. Is there a part of you that is sometimes like a desperado? A desperado...
 - a. Makes destructive choices.
 - b. Consequence-ignorant.
 - c. Can't be reasoned with.
 - d. Opposite of the *"fruits of the Spirit."*
2. Read Romans 7:14-25. What area of your life can you relate to Paul most regarding the tension he talks about in these verses?
3. Have you ever had any of the following thoughts? If so, how did those mindsets impact your daily life?
 - a. *"Nothing is wrong with me. What's wrong is the suggestion that I'm wrong."*
 - b. *"I'm not perfect, but I'm way better than other people, so I'm okay."*
 - c. *"I'm a believer now, so I won't mess up as I used to."*
 - d. *"I'm forgiven so, it doesn't matter anymore if I mess up."*
4. Read Romans 8:15-16. What do these verses mean to you?
5. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?
6. What has been your biggest takeaway from the Desperado II series, and why?

SCRIPTURE & QUOTES

Galatians 5:22-23 / Romans 1:18-19, 1:21-22, 1:28-32, 2:1-4, 2:16, 5:7-11, 6:15-18, 7:7-25, 8:1-4, 8:15-16 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-18.

Desperado: A person who is stubbornly choosing a path that hurts themselves and others.