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Romans 7:1-13

The call to discipleship is demanding on the Christ-follower's life. Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Those who enter into discipleship enter into Jesus' death. They turn their living into dying . . . Whenever Christ calls us, his call leads us to death."* When we enter into a relationship with Christ, we are called to put to death the ways of this world and rise to new life in Christ.

Take a few moments to think if there are specific sins in your life that may need to die. If you can't think of any, pray for the Spirit to search your heart (Psalm 139:23). Maybe it's pride, selfishness, hatred, jealousy, impatience, or greed that needs to die in your life. As Christ-followers and disciples, when we truly allow the words and teachings of Jesus to shape our lives, things have to die. However, it is in dying that the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ begins its work. Today, pray for the Holy Spirit to transform your life so that you no longer live in the old way of life, but instead live in the new way of the Spirit.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (New York: Touchstone, 1995), 87.

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