



Winning The Battle Within Me

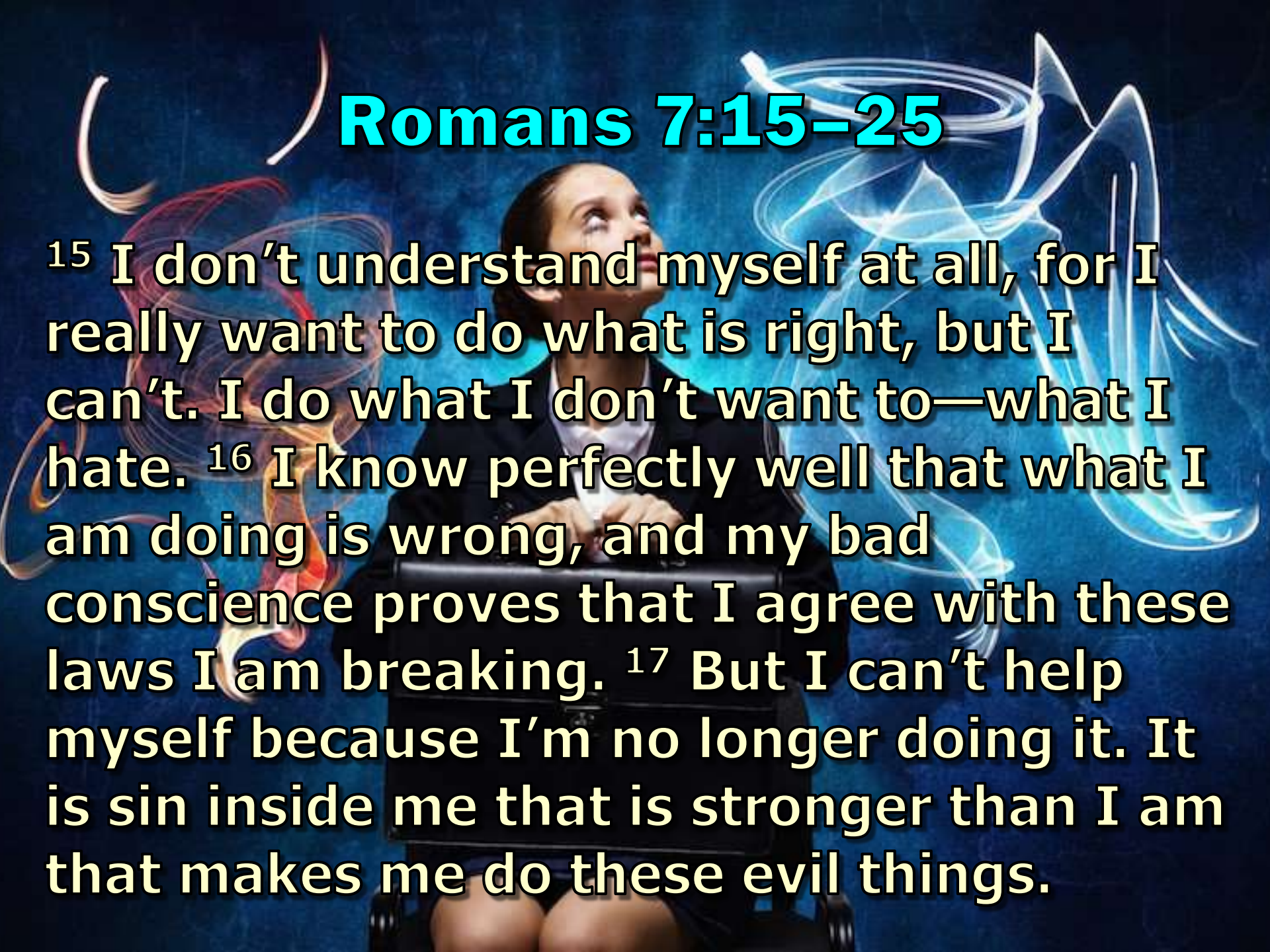
Winning The Invisible War Series – Part 2

Romans 7:15-25

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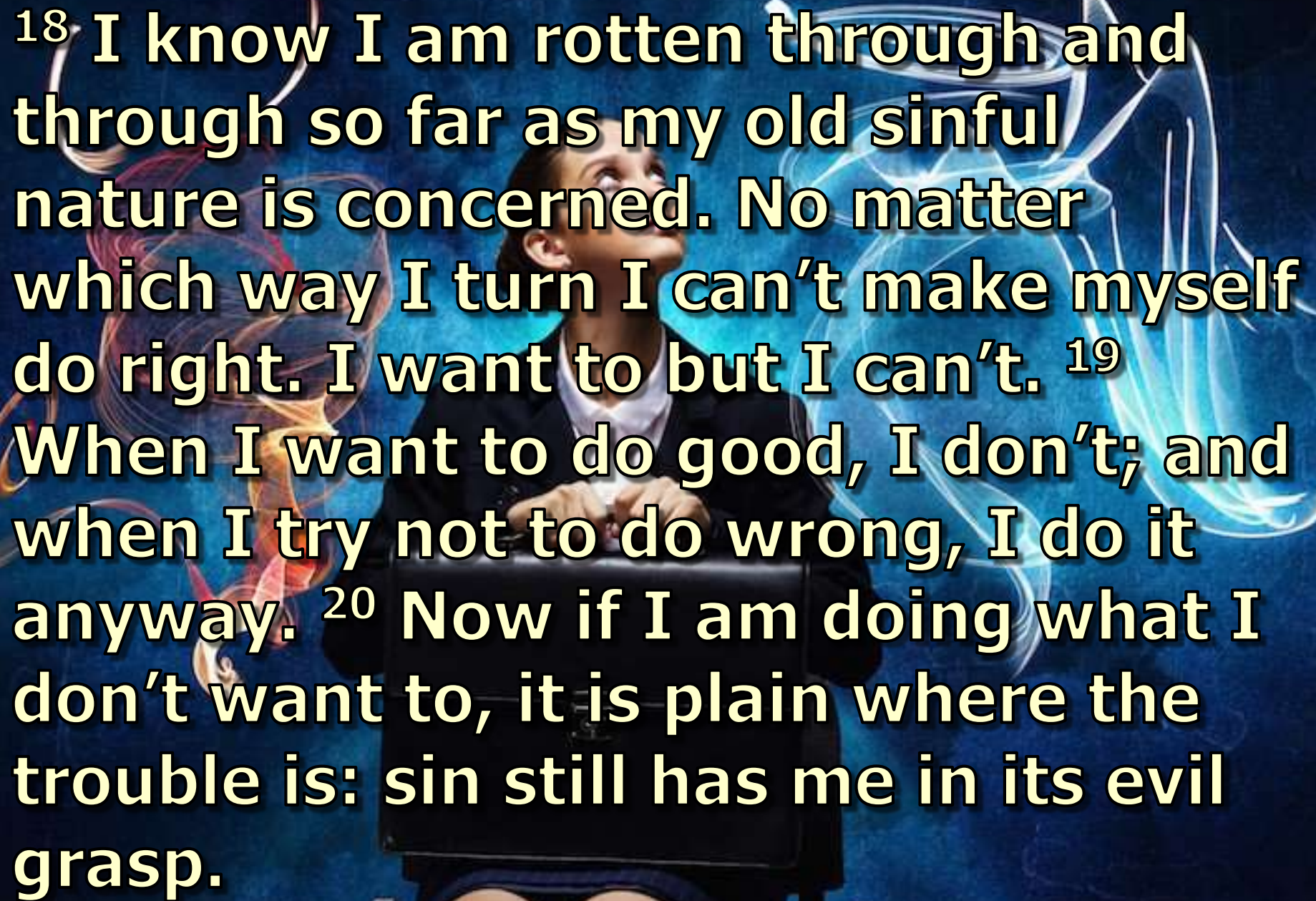
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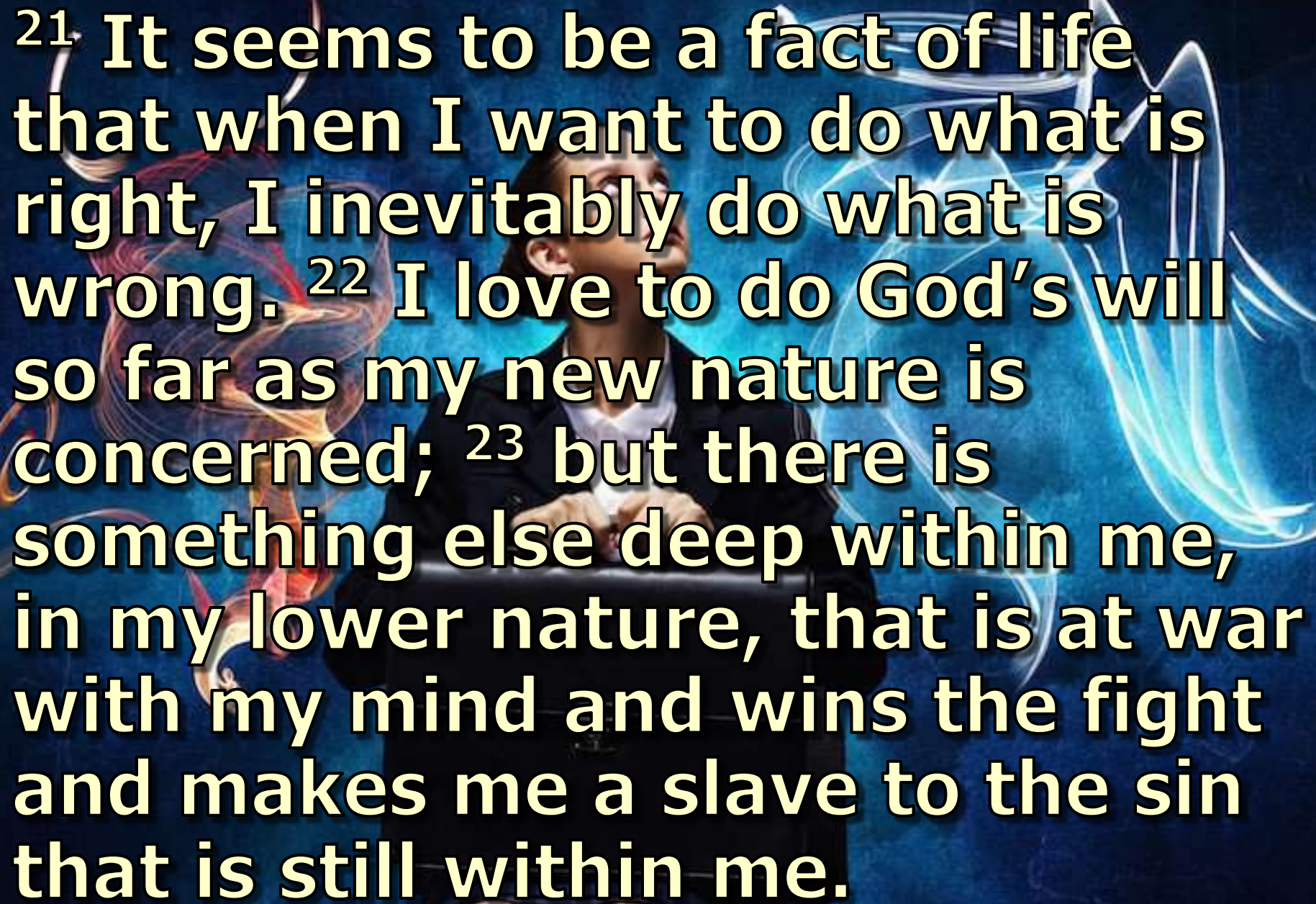


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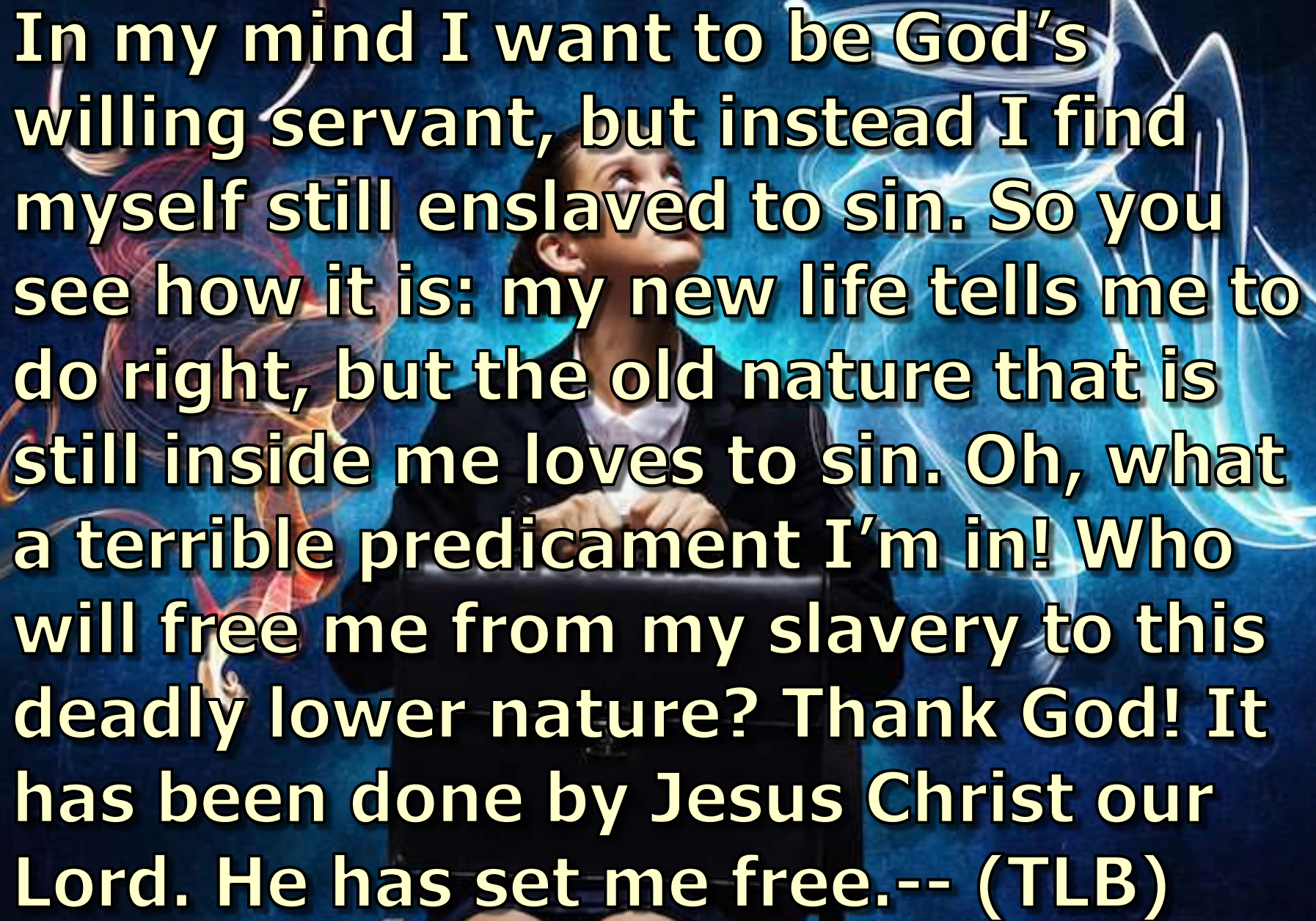
¹⁵ I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate. ¹⁶ I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. ¹⁷ But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things.

A woman in a dark business suit and white shirt is seated in a black office chair, looking upwards with a distressed expression. She is surrounded by swirling, ethereal energy in shades of blue and red. The background is a deep blue with these swirling patterns. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, yellow font with a black outline.

¹⁸ I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. ¹⁹ When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. ²⁰ Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp.



²¹ It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; ²³ but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.



In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.-- (TLB)

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Winning The Battle Within Me

Costs of the Conflict

1. It Cost Me Confusion.

Romans 7:15¹⁵ I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate.-- (NLT)



2. It Cost Me **Guilt & Shame**

Romans 7:16¹⁶ I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking.-- (NLT)

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3. It Cost Me **Compulsions & Addictions.**

Romans 7:17¹⁷ But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things.-- (TLB)



4. It Cost Me Self-Condernation

**Romans 7:18a ¹⁸ I know I
am rotten through and
through so far as my old
sinful nature is concerned.-
- (NLT)**

5. It Cost Me Frustration

Romans 7:18b–20¹⁸ No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. ¹⁹ When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. ²⁰ Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp.-- (TLB)

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6. It Cost Me Discouragement & Despair.

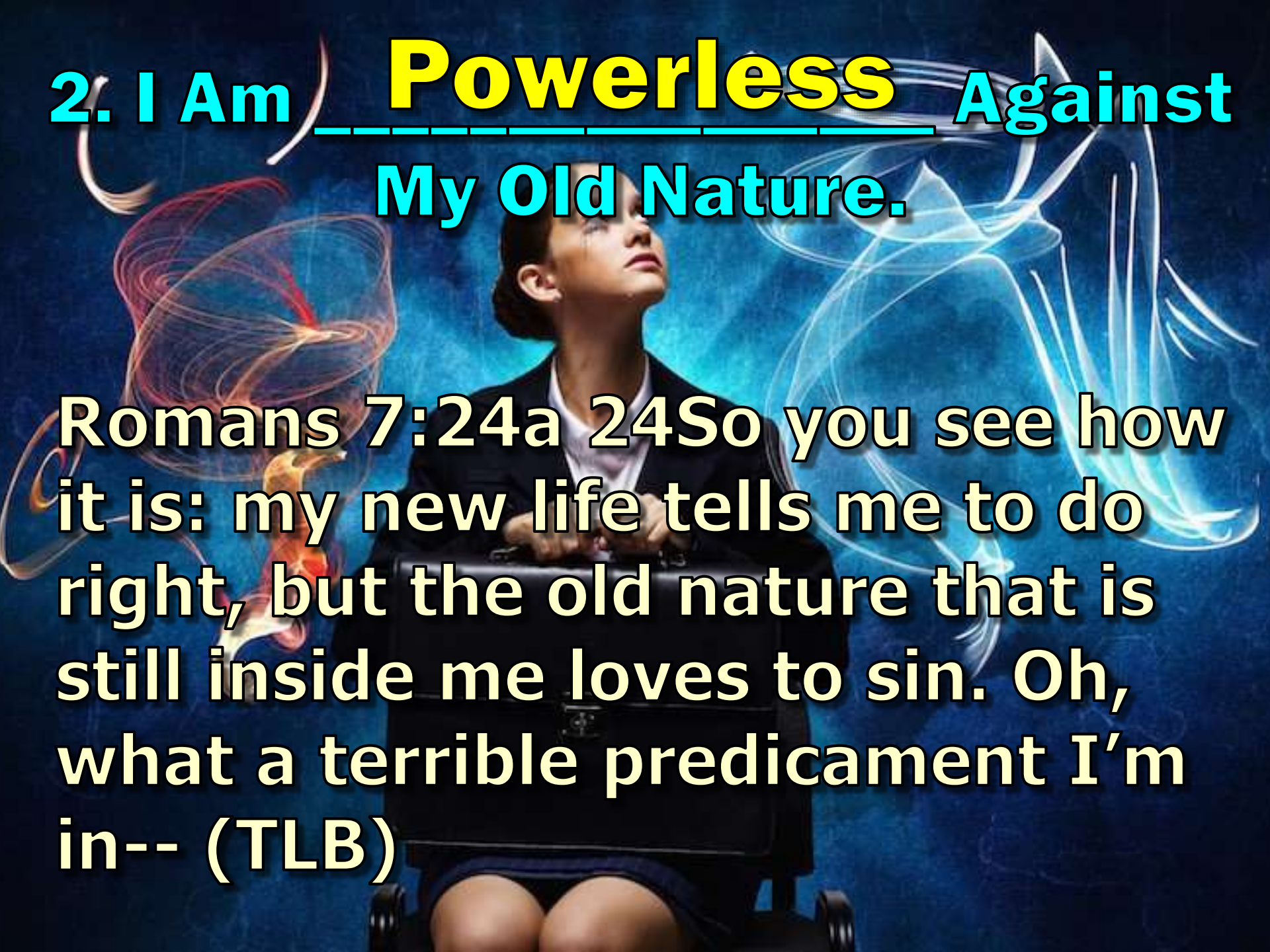
Romans 7:2121 It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. (NLT)

The Cause of the Conflict

Two Natures

1. I Have

Romans 7: Romans 7:22–23 ²² I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; ²³ but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. (NLT)




2. I Am) Powerless Against My Old Nature.

Romans 7:24a 24 So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in-- (TLB)

The Cure for the Conflict

1. I Deepen My Understanding Of Christ.

Romans 7:24b–25a 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. -- (NIV, NLT)



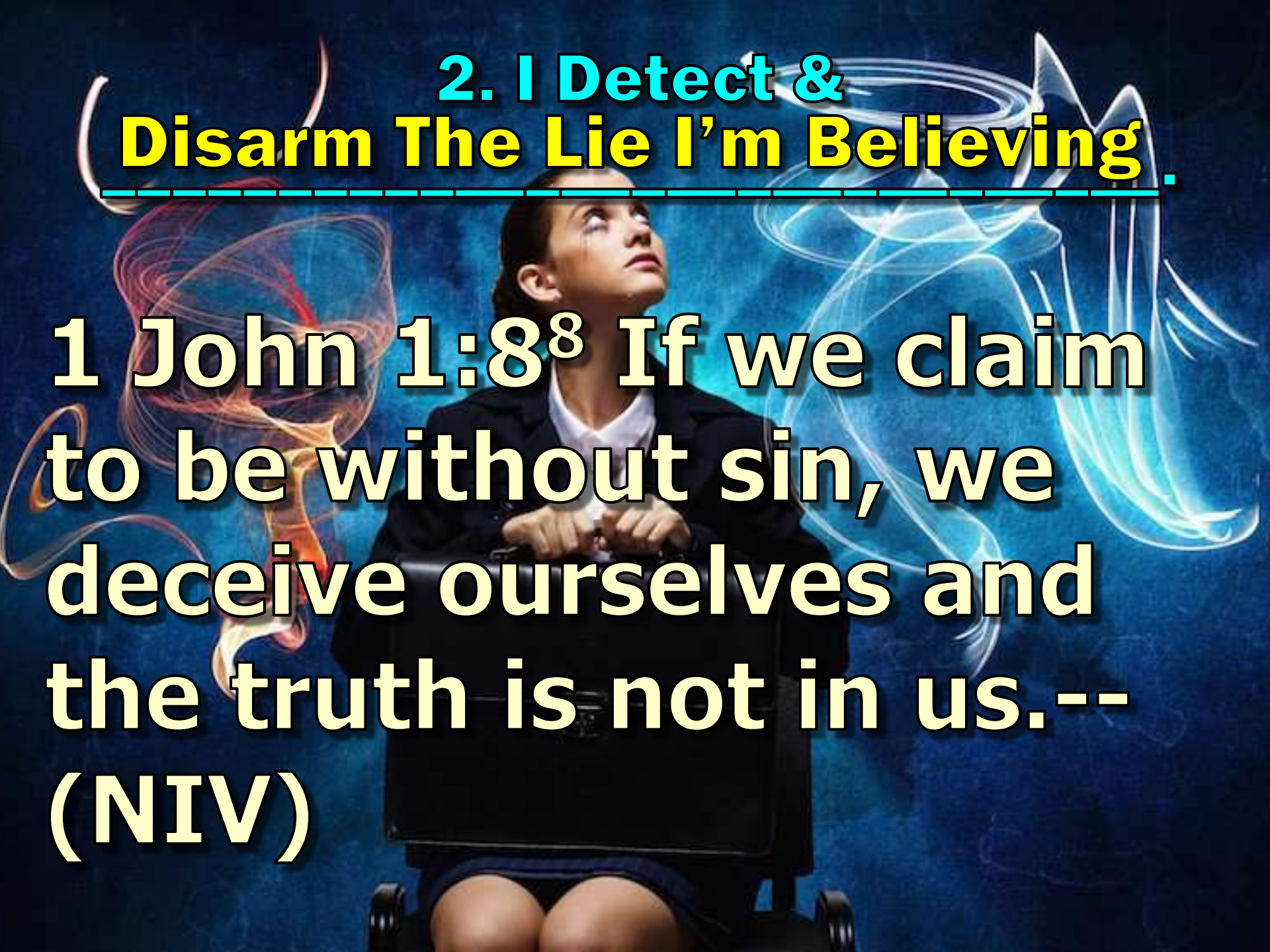
Romans 6:12–13

¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. . . . ¹³ Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. (NLT)



Romans 8:2

2 For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious cycle of sin. (Ph.)



2. I Detect & Disarm The Lie I'm Believing.

**1 John 1:8⁸ If we claim
to be without sin, we
deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us.--
(NIV)**



**A. Behind Every Self-defeating
Act Is A Lie I Have Believed .**

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**B. To Stop Defeating Myself, I
Must Stop
Deceiving Myself**



3. I Declare **Struggle To Another .**

James 5:16¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen.-- (NCV)



Galatians 5:16

16 Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.-- (NLT)

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