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  - The "I" of chapter 7 is a picture of \_\_\_\_\_ under the Law of Moses.
  - Israel \_\_\_\_\_ the mistake Adam and Eve made in the Garden.
  - Breaking God's Law, rebelling against God's purposes for human life results in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The central point in these verses is that death didn't come from the Law, death came from \_\_\_\_\_ that lives in us.
  - Sin is the mysterious dark \_\_\_\_\_ that binds us to disobedience and rebellion against God.
  - Sin is like a \_\_\_\_\_ animal that always lurks nearby, waiting for an opportunity to kill.
  - Do not attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ what is inherently deadly.
- Is the Law \_\_\_\_\_? (vv. 13-25)
  - Notice that there is a subtle \_\_\_\_\_ ("so that") behind the Law and God's purpose for it.
  - The problem Paul identifies here is the familiar and puzzling problem of akrasia, or \_\_\_\_\_ of will (vv. 14-20).
    - I know what I \_\_\_\_\_ to do, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.
    - Note: This is not a picture of a saved person who is powerless to war against sin. In Christ we have God's Spirit in us and we are no longer \_\_\_\_\_ to sin (Rom. 6:6).
  - The "I" of chapter 7 finds itself \_\_\_\_\_ with God's Law, but unable to fulfill it because of the law of sin.
  - I am stuck between \_\_\_\_\_ powers that I cannot control.
  - Who will \_\_\_\_\_ me from this dying body?
  - Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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  - Sin is like a predatory animal that always lurks nearby, waiting for an opportunity to kill.
  - Do not attempt to domesticate what is inherently deadly.
- Is the Law Death? (vv. 13-25)
  - Notice that there is a subtle sovereignty ("so that") behind the Law and God's purpose for it.
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    - I know what I ought to do, but I fail to do it.
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