

## **Romans: Paul's Symphony**

### **The Law and Sin: Romans 7:7-25**

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When you were a teenager, what was one of your biggest struggles? Did you have any run-ins with the law?

When was the Law given? What happened while Moses was on the mountain? (See Exodus 32.) How does that story connect with the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3?

Read Romans 7:7-12. What misunderstanding is Paul fighting here? How does sin work through the Law to make things worse? How does that echo what happened to Adam and Eve and what happened to Israel at Mt. Sinai?

What was the Law supposed to do? (See Deut. 30:15-20) Because of sin, what does the Law give instead? How does the Law work in our lives? What does Paul say about it in Romans 3:19-20?

Read 7:13-20. How does Paul describe what sin is and what it does? Why can't the Law deal with the problem of sin?

Why would God want sin to “become sinful beyond measure”? (v. 13) How does God finally deal with sin?

How close did your week come to sounding like 7:19? What do we need to dwell in us so that we can do good? What keeps us from doing that?

Read 7:21-25. *“When I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.”*

When have you experienced this sort of struggle? Why do we sometimes have such a hard time doing what we know is right?

Compare this passage to 1 Cor. 15:55-57, which quotes Hosea 13:14. How are sin, death and the Law connected? How does Jesus win victory over all of these?

Next week: **Life Through the Holy Spirit**—read *Romans 8:1-17*