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Breaking the Bondage of the Law

Romans 7:1-6

We have a problem: the law keeps sinful people from serving God.

- I. *Only death can free you from the law (1-3)*
 - A. The Lifelong **Dominion** of the Law (1)

 - B. The Only **Escape** from the Law (2-3)

- II. *Your death has freed you from the law (4-6)*
 - A. A New **Relationship** (4)

 - B. A New **Power** (5-6)
 - The law cannot sanctify sinful people (5)

 - The **Spirit** alone can sanctify sinful people (6)

Main Point: Your relationship with Christ empowers you to bear fruit through the Spirit.

Discussion Points:

1. Paul tells us in this passage that the law's dominion over us has ended. But that doesn't mean we can neglect the law entirely. What role should the law of God have in the life of the Christian?
2. What are some ways we might try to get victory over sin without the help of the Holy Spirit?
3. If we try to bear fruit for God by following standards, rules, and regulations, we will fail. But can standards be helpful? If so, what is their role? Who must be present?
4. How does the Spirit speak to us in the moment of temptation? What steps can we take to remind ourselves of His Word?
5. Read Galatians 5:25. What do you think it means to "keep in step with the Spirit"? What would that look like in the life of a believer?
6. When a fellow believer approaches you concerning a difficult struggle in his or her life, how could you use the teaching of Romans 7:6 to help?