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## **Romans: Rooted in Jesus We Belong to Another**

Romans 7:1-6

### **Questions and Discussion:**

1. Romans 7:1-6 actually directly connects with Romans 6:14 and is followed by Romans 8:1-11. Read these sequentially to get a feel for Paul's main arguments: 6:14, 7:1-6, 8:1-11. Can you summarize Paul's process of thought?
2. Romans 8:3,4 is a summary of his arguments. What is the weakness of God's Law? Why does the Law fail to bring about obedience? (Romans 7:5)
3. Paul's illustration (Romans 7:2-3) is more of a legal parable. We shouldn't try to identify a direct link to the characters in the illustration but derive its main principle. What is the main principle of the legal parable? When did our relationship to the Law change?
4. How does the Law of God define our relationship to God before our justification? Let's say I'm a non-believing hedonist. How does the Law define my relationship to God (Romans 1:18-23)? Let's say I'm a non-believing moralist. How does the Law define my relationship to God (Romans 2:17-29)?
5. How do we relate to the Law of God as those justified by faith?
6. Why does Paul mention that we belong to him, "who has been raised from the dead"? If you need help, re-read Romans 6.
7. Paul ends this section saying that we don't serve God according to the "letter" but by the Spirit. Before reading his explanation, Romans 8, what do you think that he means?
8. What did the Holy Spirit teach you today? How is your life still defined by the Law? How are you experiencing the work of the Spirit?