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Romans: Rooted in Jesus Wretched Man...Righteous Lord!

Romans 7:7-25

Questions and Discussion:

1. Paul says that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not the old way of the written code. How would you describe the “old way of the written code”? Think of the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son.
2. Using that parable (prodigal son) how did the youngest son, the prodigal, relate to the law?
3. Adam has two types of children, those who rebel against the law and those who try to get life through obedience to the law. For some reason, the culture of the church welcomes sinners but creates Pharisees. Why do you think this occurs?
4. Paul describes his Pharisaical life, Romans 7:7-12. He was alive, free, believing himself on the right track with God. Then came the Law. The law took the idea of covetousness, expanded its implications, revealing his covetousness, rampant and deep. He died! He saw covetousness everywhere. Overwhelmed, he despised himself. Have you had moments like this? How did you respond?
5. In the second section, Romans 7:13-23, Paul describes his current experience. Do you resonate with his experience? Do you delight in the law in your inner being, but struggle to obey it? What does it do for you to read Paul’s ongoing struggle with sin?
6. Paul says, “I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin,” v.25. How do we interpret this verse? Is Paul excusing his flesh? Is Paul separating his inner person from his body as though they are not connected? How would you define “the flesh”?
7. Paul’s main points are that the Law of God cannot give you life and it cannot make you holy. In anticipation of chapter 8, who can give life and make holy?
8. What did you learn today? How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scriptures?