

**Where the Law Failed**  
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**Primary Point:** The law could command obedience, but only God could empower it.

**Primary Text:** Romans 8:2-4

1. The law commanded what it could not create.
  
  
  
2. Its weakness was not in itself, but in our flesh.
  
  
  
3. God empowered obedience by condemning sin in Jesus.
  
  
  
4. So we could live the life God always intended.

**Application questions:**

1. What behavior in your life is being driven more by fear of consequences than love for God?
2. When you fail spiritually, do you run toward God—or instinctively hide from Him? What does that reveal about which “authority” you’re living under?
3. In what areas have rules and self-discipline increased awareness of sin but not weakened its power?
4. Where have you mistaken guilt for repentance and behavior modification for transformation?
5. How often does shame, rather than love, shape your decisions in parenting, marriage, or relationships?
6. What was most meaningful about today's message and why?