

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?*