



Romans 6:15-23

What we were meant for!

Men to Men Ministries

Lesson 16

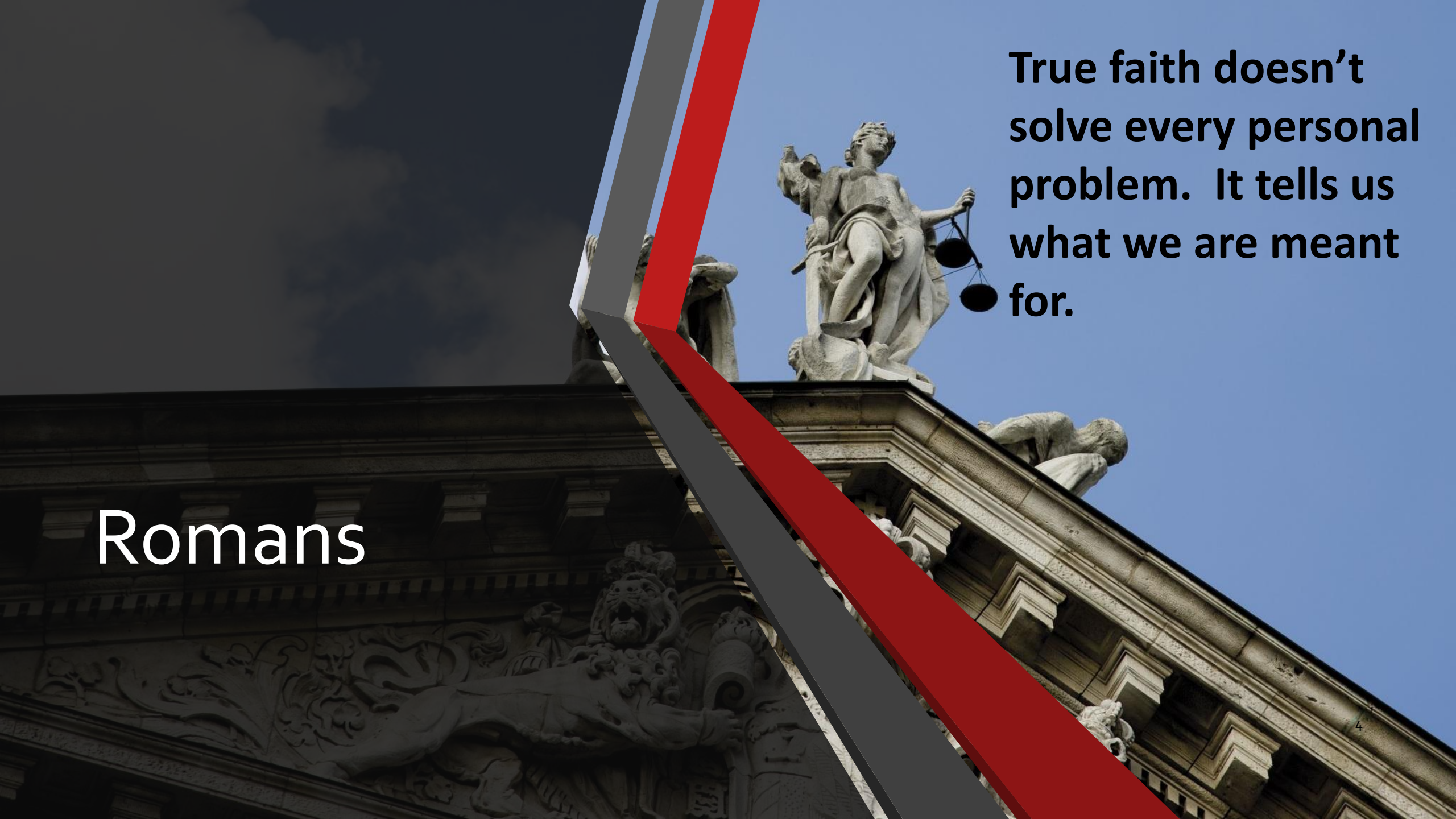
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Two Illustrations

What is our purpose?



True faith doesn't
solve every personal
problem. It tells us
what we are meant
for.

Romans

- *Shall we SIN V15* – **hamartanó**
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- The question becomes, “What if I sin on occasion” or “A little bit of sin is OK.”



It is all Greek to me! ⁵



How to be what we are meant to be.

- 1. For sin shall not be master over you V12-14*
- 2. YOU are slaves of the one whom you obey, V15-16*
- 3. Freed from sin, V17-18*
- 4. YOU became slaves of righteousness. V19-22*
- 5. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord V23*

How to be what we are meant to be

#1

For sin shall not be master over you V12-14

{12} Therefore sin is not to reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

{13} and do not go on presenting the parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and your body's parts as instruments of righteousness for God.

{14} For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace.

Whatever we obey, rules⁷

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#2

***YOU are slaves of the one whom you obey,
V15-16***

{15} What then? Shall WE **sin** because WE are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

{16} Do YOU not know that when YOU present YOURSELVES to someone as *slaves* for obedience, YOU are *slaves* of the one whom you obey, either of **sin** resulting in **death**, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

**If the demand for flawlessness has been removed
as the way to acquittal before God
does this mean occasional sinning is quite acceptable?**

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#3

Freed from sin, V17-18

{17} But thanks be to God that though YOU were *slaves* of **sin**, YOU became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which YOU were committed,

{18} and having been freed from **sin**, YOU became *slaves* of righteousness.

- Freedom from sin in the past.
- Freedom from sin in the acts you do now.
- Freedom from sinful nature.

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#4

YOU became slaves of righteousness. V19-22

{19} I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of YOUR flesh. For just as YOU presented YOUR members as *slaves* to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present YOUR members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

{20} For when YOU were *slaves* of **sin**, YOU were free in regard to righteousness.

{21} Therefore what benefit were YOU then deriving from the things of which YOU are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is **death**.

{22} But now having been freed from **sin** and enslaved to God, YOU derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

- 1. There are those who need simple logic or in human terms. This is because of a current state of grace which is a hindrance.*
- 2. The hindrance is called “weakness of the flesh”*
- 3. You have presented your member with impurity and to lawlessness.
(members: melos; of bodies given up to criminal intercourse, because they are members belonging to the harlot’s body)*
- 4. This state of impurity and lawlessness causes additional lawlessness.*
- 5. There is a call to a new affinity, a new presentation of our members.*
- 6. The new affinity is to slavery to righteousness.*
- 7. The result is sanctification or becoming holy*

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which NO ONE will see the Lord. Hebrews12:14

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#5

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord V23

For the wages of **sin** is **death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**In all reason, therefore, you ought now to be free from unrighteousness; to be as uniform and zealous in serving God as you were in serving the devil. Going on to perfection was a life-long process of Christian discipleship.
Wesley.**

God's way or the highway


It has been said many times; "If it doesn't work, look at the instructions." And so with the things of the Spirit, it seems we have to try it our way first. And when we experience that failure and that frustration of our way we must learn to find God's way, living that glorious life of victory that He has provided for us through His Holy Spirit.

Slaves to Sin

John 8:34

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."





Romans 6:12-23

Our new title to be lived in.

- Present yourselves to God
- Instruments of Righteousness
- Slaves to obedience
- Freed from sin
- Slaves of Righteousness
- Sanctification
- Enslaved to God
- The gift of God
- Eternal life

Main thought

Romans 6:15-23 is about how believers must choose to obey God rather than sin. They are slaves to whom they obey, either sin leading to death or obedience leading to righteousness. They have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.