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WATCH OUT FOR MOODY WORDS

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15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
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Who’s Your Daddy?
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3. The challenge (13b-14, 19-22)

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4. The conclusion (23)
   a. For the wages of sin is death,
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• Who are the masters in your life?
• How are you experiencing the fruit of your service?
• How do you respond to Paul’s repeated use of imperatives?

• Homework: Romans 7 x3