



# • Whom Do Your Kids Look Like?

**Romans 7:1-14**

# 1. The “Bachelor” Days

- Romans 7:8b-9a
- no knowledge of the Law
  - therefore sin was dead
  - I was alive, but unaware of the Law
- my house is a mess...  
but I couldn't care less
- there's no love in my life

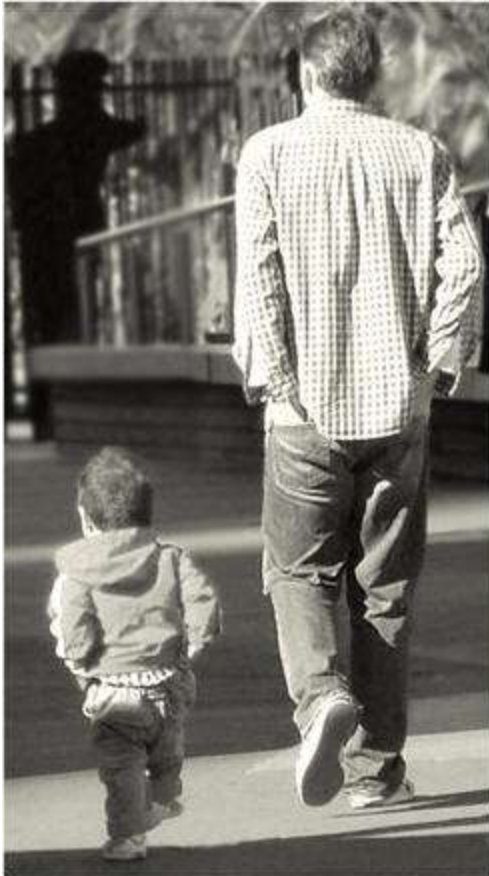
## 2. The First Marriage

- Romans 7:7-14
- the Law
  - (v7) a demanding husband
  - (v12-14) he's always right
  - (v8) resulted in bringing out the worst in me
  - (v9-11) my marriage was "dead"
  - (v5) my "children" were all dead
- I try to fall in love with my husband, but can't
- so I **pretend** to care...  
but my house is still a mess

# 3. The Second Marriage

- Romans 7:1-6
- (v2-3) only way to end a bad marriage is for death to happen
- but the Law can't die
- (v4) so, God made me to die with Christ
- having been “born again”, I'm married to Christ
  - He cleaned the house on the first day
  - then He says, “I'll help you keep this clean”
- I now have a husband with whom I'm in love!
- (v6) the “children” from this marriage are alive

# Like Father, Like Son



- children of marriage to the Law:
  - sexual impurity
  - unwholesome language
  - rules and judgmentalism
  - harshness and unmercifulness
- Ephesians 5:1
  - the “spitting image” of your Father
  - the characteristic of the “children” of marriage to Christ is: **love**

***The difference between whether you're married to the Law or to Christ is evident in the 'children' you birth.***