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Romans- Live with Clarity **CHAPTER 2**

- BIBLE STUDY CHALLENGE - Read the book of Romans - 2 chapters a week for 8 weeks. This takes 5-10 minutes for 2 chapters. YOU CAN DO THIS!
- BIBLE STUDY DOWNLOAD - Romans workbook - look on the inside cover of the workbook for the access code. Scripture memory cards can be found in the back of the workbook.

CHAPTER 2 - CONCEPTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

BIG IDEA: God is patient and kind and desires for all to come to repentance.

1 - Point Fingers and Judging Others

The Message:

1-2 Those people are on a dark spiral downward. But if you think that leaves you on the high ground where you can point your finger at others, think again. Every time you criticize someone, you condemn yourself. It takes one to know one. Judgmental criticism of others is a well-known way of escaping detection in your own crimes and misdemeanors. But God isn't so easily diverted. He sees right through all such smoke screens and holds you to what **you've** done.

3-4 You didn't think, did you, that just by pointing your finger at others you would distract God from seeing all your misdoings and from coming down on you hard? Or did you think that because he's such nice a God, he'd let you off the hook? Better think this one through from the beginning. God is kind, but he's not soft.

In kindness he takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change.

2 - Patiently and Persistently Doing God's Will - vs. 5-7

- Reading and Listening - Obeying and Acting in Faith
- Daily Habits of Bible Study
- Quickly Seeking Forgiveness

3 - Practice What You Profess - vs. 17-24

- Do I know the right thing according to God's Word but chose to act differently?
- It's not enough to know the right thing - we must DO the right thing.

4 - Processes and Procedures

- We need a "change of heart"!

MEMORY VERSE:

"...the righteous will live by faith." - Romans 1:17