

## Family Talk – Legalism

### READ TOGETHER

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#### Colossians 2:16-23

How can following rules to be right with God actually push us away from Him?

Why is it more important to focus on our relationship with Jesus rather than to just follow rules?

### LIVE IT

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Rules are important. Rules protect us from behaviors that hurt us. God needed to give us rules on how to live, otherwise we'd do whatever we want. Just like there are rules for driving so people don't crash and get hurt, God gave us rules for our lives so we can live fully the way He intended.

God showed his perfect love for us by sending Jesus. We can't make a perfect God love us by doing good things. However, the more we seek God and the more we realize how much He loves us, we'll naturally love Him too, and we'll want to please Him.

### LEAN ON GOD

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Dear God,

We can't earn your love, no matter how many good things we do. Help us understand the rules that really matter. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank you for raising Him to life so we can have a relationship with You. Help us remember that pursuing a personal relationship with You is the most important thing we can do. We love You.

Amen

