

"Rules Are Made To Be..."

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 14:25-35

The first thing that comes to mind when we hear this phrase is that rules are made to be _____.

We _____ breaking rules! And the truth is, breaking rules can be a very _____ thing!

Sometimes "rules" are just what people believe is _____. But with God _____ things are possible!
We should not be confined by an arbitrary set of _____! Think Roger _____, or _____, or...

Breaking rules is also good when the rules are _____. Think Jackie _____, Gandhi, and _____ Everdeen.

But today we have a _____. It seems that rules are broken simply for the sake of breaking the rules. We've come to _____ rule breaking for any reason! Which shows us something important: the nature of _____.

Sin is _____. It says, "No one tells me what to do! I'm my own master! I make my own rules!"

This is not just common among non-Christians today. It's also alarmingly prevalent in the _____.

Rules are also made to be _____. God has given us rules and he has given _____ the authority to make and enforce laws precisely because without them the entire world descends into chaos.

But some people _____ rules a bit too much. They like to _____ people around. They often make the rules and therefore _____ from the rules. They also enjoy the sense of _____ it gives them.

Unfortunately, these rules are enforced _____ and are _____ over far more important rules. The obvious example here is the Pharisees and religious leaders Jesus encountered.

This _____ into our sinful nature and our desire to resist any and all rules for any reason or no reason at all.

But rules are also made by GOD for us to _____ in.

Rules are a sign of God's _____ to us.

In our rebellion we lose sight of what is truly _____ for us and for the world.

It points us to a _____ who made us for a _____.

He _____ us and wants the _____ for us!

It points to what life was _____ to be like AND what it _____ be like one Day.

It gives us a life with _____ and _____, not passing fads!

God the Father _____ it when he sent Jesus.

Jesus shows us a _____ life of _____ as he delighted in God's Law and lived it to perfection!

He shows how a life delighting in and meditating on God's Law _____. Not necessarily what we think!

He shows they are not an arbitrary list of limitations, or tools for _____. We broke them all. He died!

Are you delighting in God's Law? _____

If not, how is God calling you to do so? _____

What are you going to DO about it? _____
