

Not a Fan week 5: more than rules
Sunday October 7th, 2018

Luke 9:23 (NLT, pg. 861) Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

John 7:53-8:11 (NLT, pg. 889)

Rules can be _____.

John 8:6 (NLT, pg. 889) They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.

John 8:7 (NLT, pg. 889) They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”

The rules don't inspire _____.

John 8:10-11 (NLT, pg. 889) Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?” “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

The rules don't _____ us around, ...

...but _____ does.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT, pg. 944) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Final Thought: Jesus' invitation to follow him isn't about strict rules or behavior modification; it is about a deep loving relationship with God. Is your faith journey _____ you?