



## Episode 17: RULES || July 12, 2020

### Main Points - Matthew 12:1-14

Religious rules are designed to control. Jesus doesn't love rules. He loves people.

Knowing and Following rules doesn't make you godly. Treating people like God treats them makes you godly.

Religion prioritizes rules over people. Jesus prioritizes people over everything.

Religion replaces love with rules.

The transformation of love is far more powerful than the enforcement of rules.

If the version of Christianity you've experienced doesn't make you feel free... it's not Christianity.

Religion enslaves. Jesus frees and transforms.

### Discussion Questions

1. What have your experiences & feelings been with rules, religious or otherwise?
2. Read Matthew 22:34-40. How does what you read here relate to rules you have made or ones you currently live or work under?
3. Tough one- are there places in your life or heart where you are valuing rules over people? What are you going to do about that this week?

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#### Music we enjoyed this week:

[My Shot](#)- Lin-Manuel Miranda  
[Highs & Lows](#)- Hillsong Young & Free  
[All My Life](#)- Foo Fighters

#### Additional Resources / Books on this topic:

- [Ragamuffin Gospel](#), Brennan Manning
- [The Chosen](#) (a highly recommended and non-cheesy Jesus series)

#### Bible Readings:

- [Romans 8:1-4](#)

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