

DEFINING MOMENTS: Escape Report Card Religion

LUKE 5:33-39

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Religion Asks For Your Report Card. Jesus Asks You to Celebrate His.

1. Celebrate Jesus's Perfect _____
(33-35).

2. Celebrate Jesus's Powerful _____
(36-38).

3. Celebrate Jesus's Pleasant _____
(39).

Luke 5:33-39 (ESV)

³³And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink."³⁴And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"³⁵The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days."

³⁶He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old."³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

³⁹And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'"

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. This passage reveals the joy of following Christ, and it's the same joy of a wedding. Does your experience of Christianity encourage overflowing, outrageous, uncontainable joy? What reasons do Christians have to be joyful? Do you routinely do things to stoke joy in your heart?
2. Read Hebrews 9:8-10. How does the author of Hebrews help us rightly think through the place of the Old Covenant laws and ceremonies? How does Jesus's fulfillment in the New Covenant change the way you live your Christian life?
3. In Acts 10, the apostle Peter struggled to leave his dependence on dietary laws. All of us can identify with him. There are things in church that are more like forms than necessities. What old habits, routines, and shadows of religion are you still struggling to release so that you can fully trust in the performance of Christ?

Quote for the Week. . . by Augustine of Hippo



"How sweet all at once it was for me to be rid of those fruitless joys which I had once feared to lose and was now glad to reject! You drove them from me, You who are the true, the sovereign joy. You drove them from me and took their place, You who are sweeter than all pleasure, though not to flesh and blood, You who outshine all light yet are hidden deeper than any secret in our hearts, You who surpass all honor though not in the eyes of men who see all honor in themselves. At last my mind was free from the gnawing anxieties of ambition and gain, from wallowing in filth and scratching the itching sore of lust. I began to talk to you freely, O Lord my God, my Light, my Wealth, and my Salvation."