



**MOVING FORWARD:
What Does That Look Like For You?**

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SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE**

Connect

1. Did you consider your parents “permissive” or “strict”? Why? (Did they have a lot of rules or just a few? Which one was the Biggie?)
2. How did this affect and shape you on your journey of faith?

Engage

1. **Read Colossians 1:3-6 and Colossians 2:1-5**, with a view to grasping the Apostle Paul’s heart for the Colossians. Then read Colossians 2:16-23, with the intention of imagining what emotion(s) you think Paul is experiencing as these words pour out of his heart and through his pen. Discuss.
2. **Read Luke 11:37-54**
 - i. What is the natural and the surprising thing that Jesus does to open this scene (vs. 38)?
 - ii. How does the Lord turn the tables on his host? What is the basic principle about the Pharisees (vss.39-41)?
 - iii. In your own words, what is the meaning of the three woes directed at the Pharisees (vss. 42-44)?
 - iv. In your own words, what is the meaning of the next three woes (vss. 46-52)?
 - v. In the sixth woe, what does Jesus mean by the key of knowledge?

Apply

1. Typically, Jesus is thought of as “meek and mild.” What is the significance of this passage’s presentation of Jesus for you?
2. Of the three woes directed to the Pharisees or of the three woes directed to the lawyers, which one feels like it has your name on it?
3. How would you like your life to change this week in light of what you read?