



**April 19, 2026**

**Learning #1: God isn't trying to take something away from our life; he is trying to give us fullness of life.**

*Romans 12:9-16 (NLT) - Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.*

*Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.*

*When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.*

*Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!*

**Learning #2: God's boundaries are designed to help us to live a good, full and complete life.**

*Galatians 5:1 (NLT) - So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.*

*Romans 3:20-23 (NLT) - For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.*

*We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

**Learning #3: When we confuse religion with a relationship, faith becomes a burden instead of a blessing.**

*Mark 7:6-7 (NLT) - Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'*

*Matthew 23:4 (NLT) - They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.*

*Ephesians 2:4-5 (NLT) - But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)*

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) - God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

*John 3:16-17 (NKJV) - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*1 John 5:3 (NLT) - Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.*

*John 10:10 (NLT) - My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*