

## **WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS!**

**Acts 15:1-11**

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**Acts 15:1 (NKJV)**

*And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."*

### **Life Rarely Hands Us Easy Problems to Solve**

**Acts 15:2 (NKJV)**

*Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.*

A lot was at stake here:

- 1) Is it required for Christians to keep the Law of Moses?
- 2) If you had to keep the Law of Moses then Christ's DBR, (death, burial & resurrection) was insufficient.

**GOD TAKES THE COMPLEX AND MAKES IT SIMPLE. RELIGION TAKES THE SIMPLE AND MAKES IT COMPLEX.**

**Acts 15:3-5 (NKJV)**

*So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."*

Jesus broke many man-made-rules but none of God's laws.

**Luke 6:1-4**

*One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels...*

**Acts 15:6-11 (NKJV)**

*Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."*

## Life's Top Ten Hardest Decisions

10. Saying No
9. Which Bridges to Cross and which to Burn
8. Following your own Dreams not your Parents'
7. What City Should I Live In
6. Rent or Buy a House
5. Finding a Home Church
4. Who to Go on a Date With
3. Have Children or Not
2. Get Married or Not
1. Follow Christ or Not

## What to Consider Before You Decide

1. Have I \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Will I Regret this Later?
3. Fear has \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 4:18).
4. Check in with your Head, Heart and Gut.
5. Why Do I Want This?
6. Can I Deal with the \_\_\_\_\_?
7. Have I Acquired Wise \_\_\_\_\_?

### **Proverbs 11:14 (NKJV)**

*Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*

## Answers:

- Prayed
- Torment
- Fallout
- Counsel