



## THEME

**Pure, Undiluted, 100% Real Jesus** > taking Jesus @ his word + letting him speak clearly through us.

## ANCHORED TO TRUTH

Colossians 2:6-10, Colossians 2:16-19, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 5:43-48, Matthew 7:21-23, Matthew 7:24-27, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Psalm 34:8

## CONVERSATION

1. Is there a food or drink that has to be the original/genuine brand - not generic - or you won't eat/drink it?
  - a. Do you think you could ID the genuine brand in a blindfolded taste test? Do it, I dare you.
2. Check out [Colossians 2:16-23](#)

16 So don't let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. 17 For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. 18 Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, 19 and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

20 You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, 21 "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? 22 Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. 23 These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

3. Kinda crazy that we make our own difficult obstacles + place them in the way of reaching Jesus > while at the same time lowering or removing some challenges Jesus asked us to climb. How do we choose which obstacles to build + which to remove or ignore?
  - a. If you were allowed to eliminate any challenge Jesus asks us to climb > what would it be?
4. Can you think of any examples of traditions we've made sacred that aren't necessarily from God?
  - a. Why do we keep doing this? What are we trying to get from our rules + traditions?
  - b. What role does pride play in this penchant for tradition + rule making?
  - c. How can we be sure the challenges we're attempting are from God + not Humans?
5. What effect does all this 'reconstructing Jesus' have on people trying to figure out if he's worth following?
  - a. Have you seen this first hand?
6. If there was one thing Jesus' message is most often watered down with today - what is it?
  - a. What are some practical ways we can push back against this + clearly, accurately point to Jesus?

## RESPOND

- How can we help/encourage one another to taste 100% real Jesus? (no Ranch - full KICK)

- Is there one 'human tradition' you'd like to let go of **or** a Jesus challenge you'd like to start climbing?
- Is there a verse we could memorize this week that would help us as we climb this challenge?

### **PRAY**

- Pray for people who've come in close to check out Jesus but have been disillusioned + discouraged by the misrepresented Jesus they've found. (Is there someone specific you know this is true of? Pray for them)
- Pray for the conviction, courage + spiritual stamina to adjust to the 'heat' Jesus brings instead of adding ingredients to make him more palatable.