



# ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Answering your questions about  
life, the Bible, and God

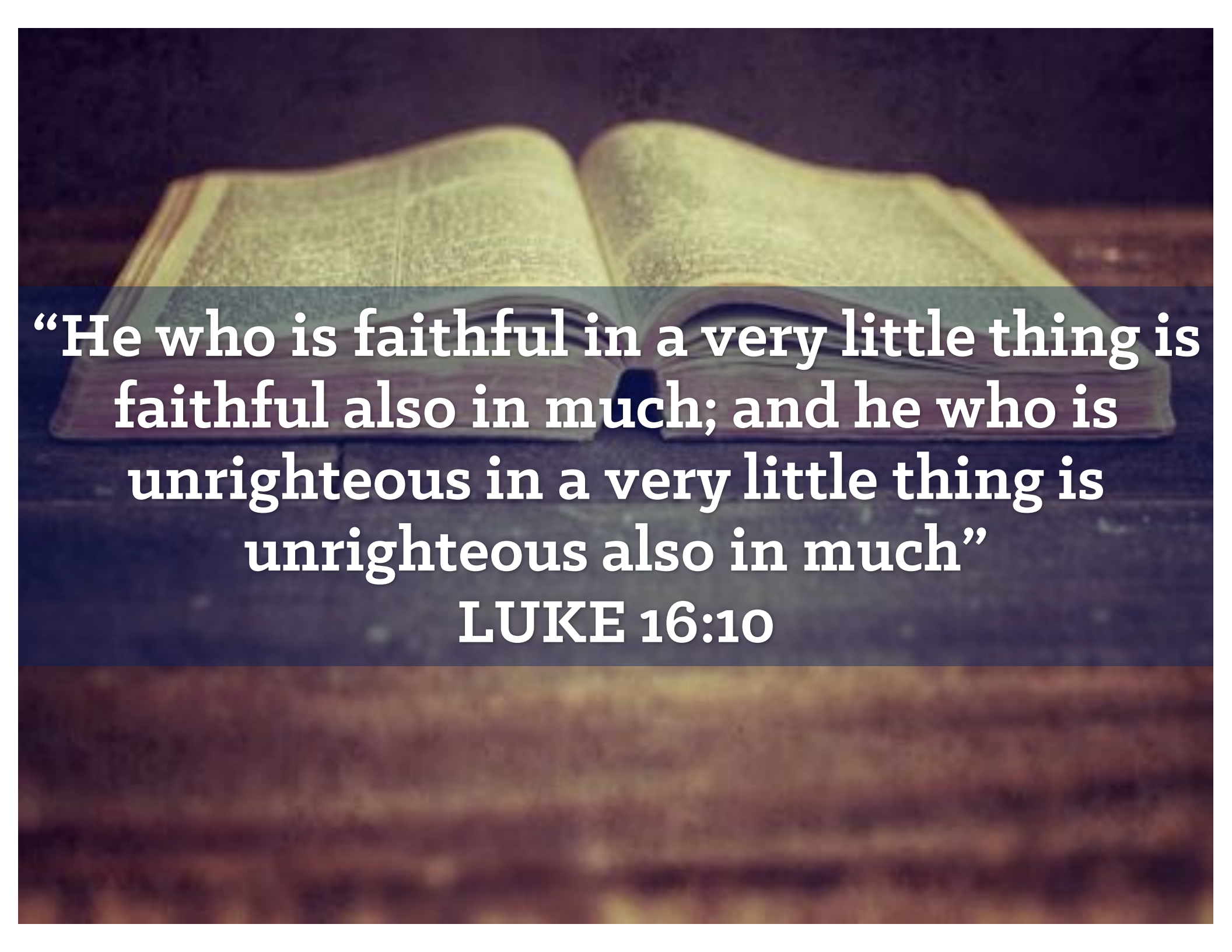
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**Is it a big deal to break  
manmade rules, such  
as traffic laws or  
company policies?**



# RULES ARE MEANT TO BE BROKE, RIGHT?

- God expects mankind to obey all sorts of rules, including:
- Those established by civil authority (1 Peter 2:13ff, Romans 13:1ff)
- An employer (Colossians 3:22)
- God's laws are applicable to all people (Acts 17:30-31, John 12:48)
- "Right" and "wrong" are determined by God alone (Deuteronomy 12:1-8).

An open book with aged, yellowed pages is shown from a high angle, resting on a dark, textured surface. The book is open to two pages of text, which are mostly obscured by a large, semi-transparent dark blue rectangular overlay. The overlay contains white text in a serif font. The background is dark and moody, with some light reflecting off the book's pages and the surface it sits on.

**“He who is faithful in a very little thing is  
faithful also in much; and he who is  
unrighteous in a very little thing is  
unrighteous also in much”**

**LUKE 16:10**





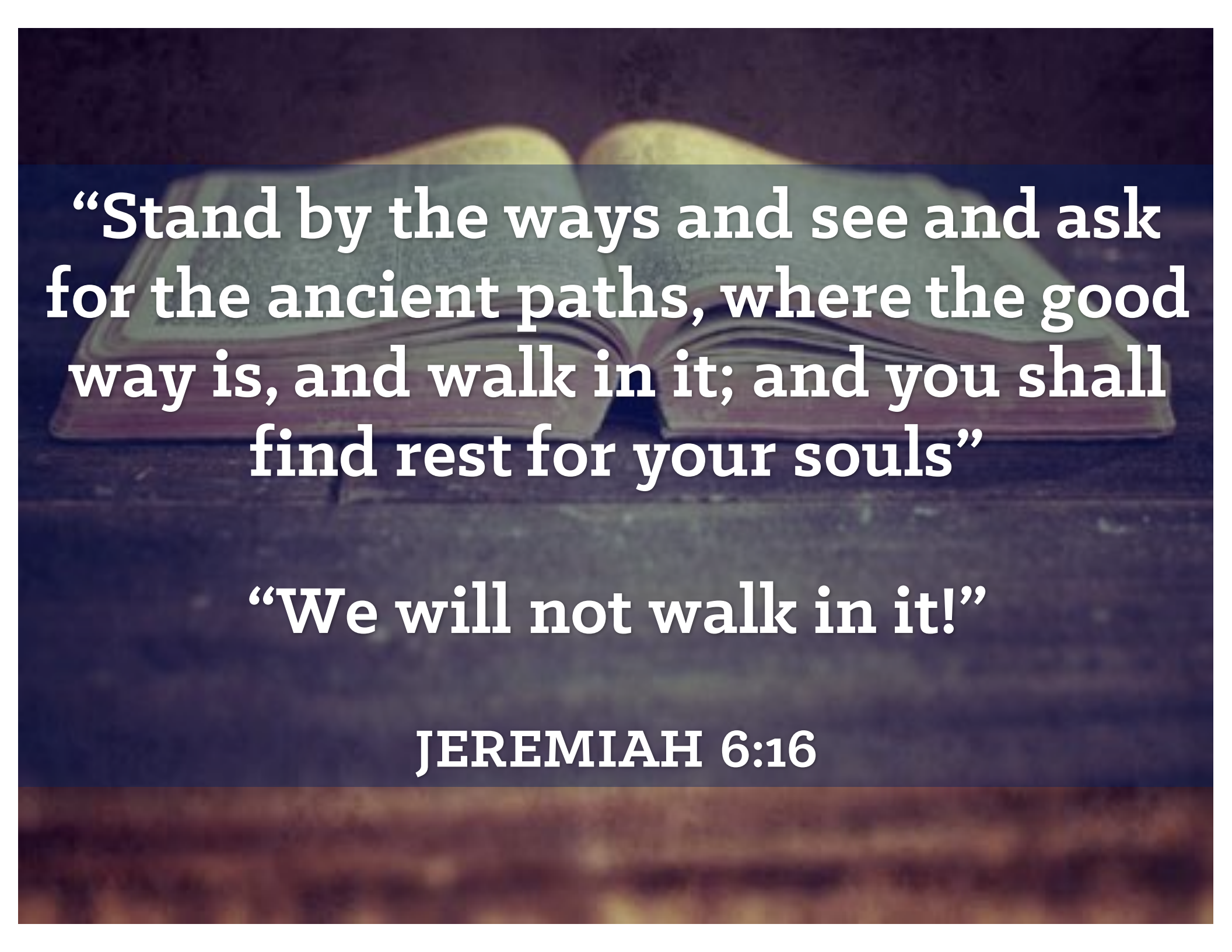
# ARE RULE-KEEPERS JUST MODERN-DAY PHARISEES?

- They were condemned for hypocrisy (Matthew 23:3).
- They placed their human traditions and customs ahead of scriptures, in violation of them (Matthew 15:3).
- They were self-righteous (Luke 18:9).
- They served God for human praise (Matthew 6:1).
- They sinned by putting Jesus to death (John 19:11).
- They were condemned for a failure to recognize truth (Matthew 21:27)



**Should rules be  
adapted to the  
times?**



An open book with aged, yellowed pages is shown from a top-down perspective. The book is open to two pages, and the text is overlaid on the right page. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table or a book cover. The text is in a white, serif font, with the first part being larger and bolder than the second part.

**“Stand by the ways and see and ask  
for the ancient paths, where the good  
way is, and walk in it; and you shall  
find rest for your souls”**

**“We will not walk in it!”**

**JEREMIAH 6:16**

# WHAT ABOUT HUMAN INCONSISTENCY?

- Do you ever rely on the mistakes of others to justify your own failures or shortcomings?
- “For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality” (Colossians 3:25).
- With that being said, there are situations where we must accept human inconsistency as a framework for how we live. For example, in an ideal world I would be able to drive the exact speed limit at all times safely. But other people create an environment that makes that practically impossible. Motive matters...



An open book with aged, yellowed pages is shown from a top-down perspective. The book is open to two pages that contain faint, illegible text. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden table. The overall lighting is dim, with a slight glow from the book's pages.

**“I’m going to drive as fast as I can get away with, knowing that others are driving even faster”**

**vs.**

**“I’m going to drive as safe as possible given the reality of my circumstances”**



**“What if I just bend  
the rules without  
breaking them?”**