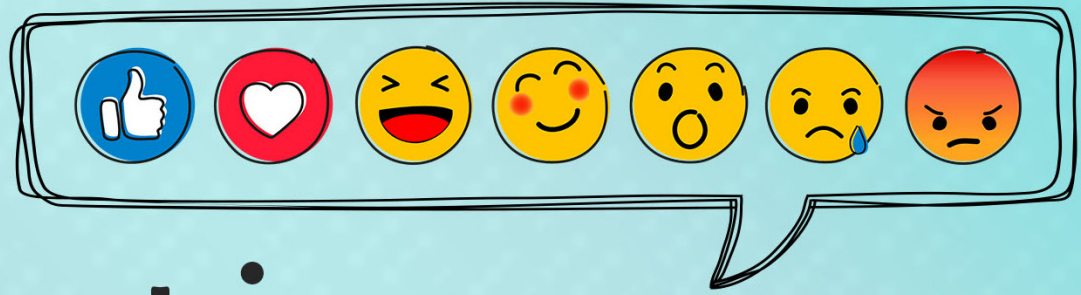


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BY YOUR OWN FREE WILL

1. Rules are a part of our everyday lives. Where would you rate yourself on this scale of 1 to 10? 1 = "Rules are meant to be broken" to 10 = "Everyone must follow the rules"?
2. If we are created by God and if God is sovereign, if God is all-knowing, then why are rules necessary?
3. There are some people who believe that it does not matter what they do because, ultimately, the outcome of their lives is already predetermined by God. Share your thoughts.
4. Think of a time when you wanted to go your own way and do your own thing. What was the situation? Did you follow through? How did that work out?
5. Read Genesis 1:27. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
6. Read Genesis 2: 15-17. God gave Adam and Eve the choice to follow Him, His ways, and His direction with one simple rule. Describe a time when one simple rule was set for you to follow. What influenced you to follow the rule, or to break it?



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7. Free will is our capacity to choose between possible courses of action unimpeded. Our capacity to react any way we want. If God is sovereign, if God is all-knowing, if God is in control, do you believe that He is directing your path or is God dictating it?

8. Have you ever had a controlling friend, relative, significant other or boss? Have you ever felt manipulated by someone? Describe how you felt living through that situation.

9. What is the difference between submitting to God and being controlled by God?

10. Describe a time when you felt guilt or sadness or insecurity or hatred lingering within you. Were you waiting for someone or something to change your scenario? Are you still waiting?

11. Free will means that we have a choice to turn toward God, to fix our eyes clearly on Him, to trust in Him and follow Him. Read Matthew 11:29. What does this verse tell us about our choice?