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Questions:

1. Are there any rules that Christians follow that seem off the mark to you?

2. In what ways can diverse practices enrich our Christian experiences?

3. Where do we find our identity as Christians? Is it in rules and actions, or in some other way?

4. How does grace overshadow rules, actions and human failings?

5. What does it mean to trust in grace?

EPISODE TITLE: "Episode 2"

Abrasive Grace, Episode 2

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Galatians 1: 11-24

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that
was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; [12]for I did not receive
it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through
a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 You have heard, no doubt, of my
earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God
and was trying to destroy it. [14]I advanced in Judaism beyond many
among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the
traditions of my ancestors. [15]But when God, who had set me apart
before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased [16]to
reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the
Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, [17]nor did I go up to
Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went
away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas
and stayed with him for fifteen days; [19]but I did not see any other
apostle except James the Lord's brother. [20]In what I am writing to
you, before God, I do not lie! [21]Then I went into the regions of Syria
and Cilicia, [22]and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of
Judea that are in Christ; [23]they only heard it said, 'The one who
formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once
tried to destroy.' [24]And they glorified God because of me.

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