

Monday, Week 3: Mark 7:9

Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition!" (NRSV)

1. Jesus warned the Pharisees against rejecting God's commandments in favour of their own traditions. As you think about all of the many traditions that come with the Christmas season, reflect on their value in the context of Jesus' critique.

2. The Christmas season is a time of celebration for believers and non-believers alike. But Christians have access to the unique joy that comes with knowing the Everlasting Father. How does faith fire your joy and enhance your traditions?

3. Jesus was never afraid to speak truth to those who needed to hear it. Is there anything in your life that would benefit from a course correction in order to experience long term joy?



Everlasting Father: You are God from beginning to end. Thank you for the joy that comes with knowing you. Help me to always seek you, your kingdom and righteousness ahead of my own traditions, so that I make your joy in me complete. For I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen