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“Shoulds are Good for You.”
October 12-13, 2019

What 'shoulds' do...

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#2 “Shoulds” hijack my relationship with God.

And then...

I get frustrated.

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I put others under my “shoulds.”

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So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Galatians 5:1

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#2 Loving is the answer

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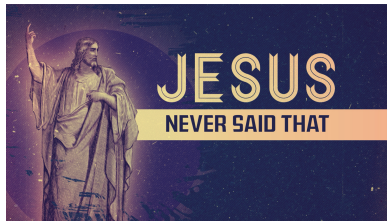
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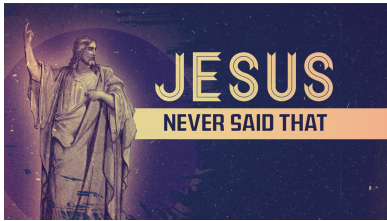
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