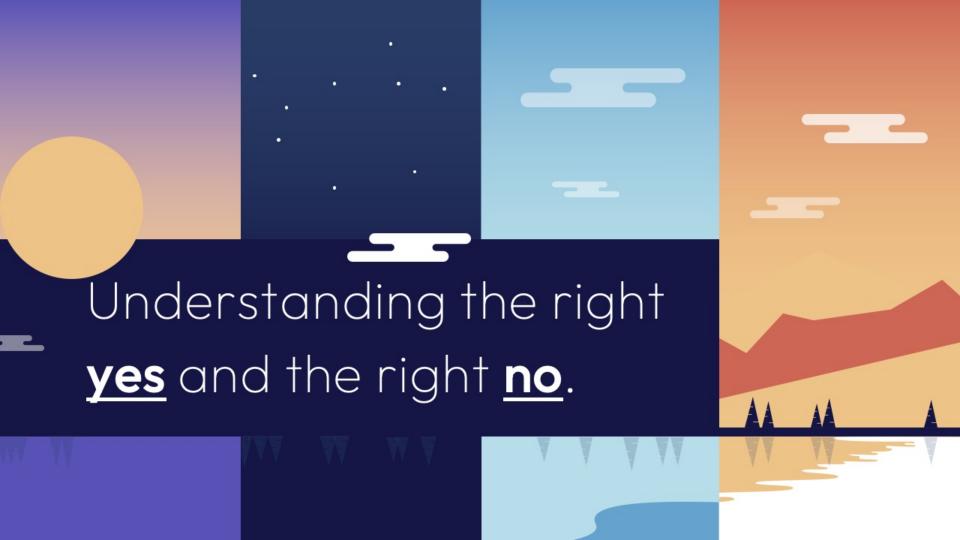




- <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
- 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
- 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.



How do we best spend the time in <u>light</u> of <u>eternity</u>?



#### Mark 1:29-39 NLT

<sup>29</sup>After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew's home. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. <sup>31</sup>So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. <sup>32</sup>That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door to watch.



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<sup>34</sup>So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. 35Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. <sup>36</sup>Later Simon and the others went out to find him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." 38But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That



The people in the village had seen and heard the goodness of God first **hand**, but there were still a lot of people that had **not** yet seen or heard. 

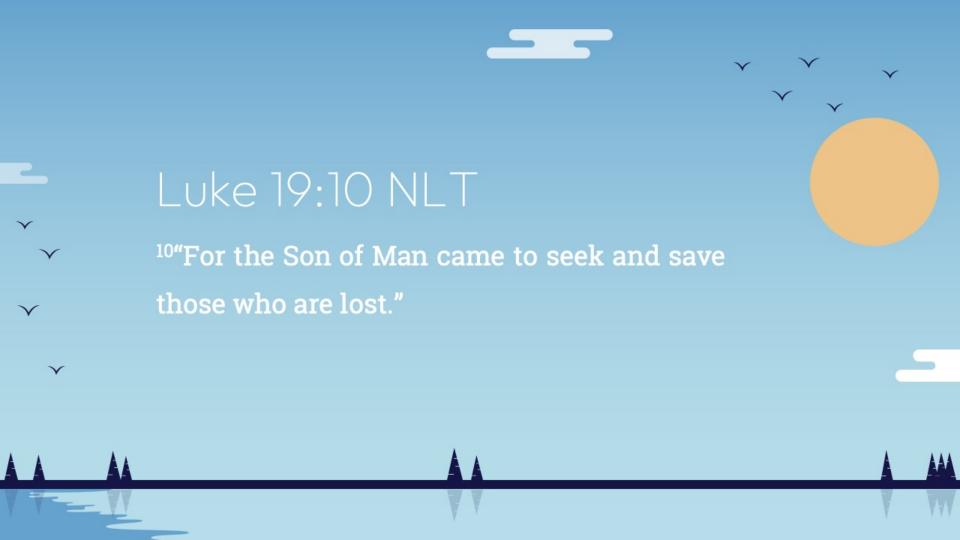


What are the right **yeses** in the light of eternity?

#### Luke 5:29-31 NLT

<sup>29</sup>Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. <sup>32</sup>I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."





Jesus was always saying "yes" to seeking and saving.



#### Luke 15:8-10 NLT

<sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."



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