



Breaking the Rules: Trading Performance for Intimacy with God, 220 pages, hardcover, 978-0-8308-

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Jesus' Home is a Place For Everyone

"The handwriting in the front of my first Bible, the King James Version bound in black imitation leather, is unmistakably that of a child. I recognize it as my own. The inscription simply says: 'Fil accepted Jesus Christ on February 26, 1961.' Looking back, I'm still not sure what happened to me on that day."

From early childhood Fil Anderson was taught that religion was the only ticket to the best life in this world. He diligently followed the rules and became a compulsive overachiever.

Fil writes: "I had become an accomplished religious professional—a relentless overachiever whose self-image was based on hard work and clean living. I earned love and approval by doing and performing. Religiously trained to define myself around the Herculean demands of roles and activities, my credo was: 'If you want to be loved, make yourself lovable.' My well-informed head knew about the unconditional love of God, but my ill-informed heart had no knowledge of it at all, only a desperate longing."

Eventually Fil realized he could no longer live up to religion and found himself asking God, "Have I ever really known you? Do I really have a relationship with you, or is it simply a religion I have known?"

In *Breaking the Rules*, Fil shares his struggles with religion and his journey to a rich new life in God.

Fil writes: "This book's message spells relief for tired and weary souls burned out by the demands and pressures that unbending rule-keeping religion requires. It will urge you to trade the rigors of religious performance for intimacy with Jesus, whose astonishing invitation is simply 'Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you' (John 15:4). Jesus' home is a place for everyone; it's a place of welcoming love, unconditional acceptance and endless assurances of affection."