

Legacy of A Good Man

GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL FAUST
June 15 & 16, 2024

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Where can I make a difference right now?

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Two Ways of Approaching God's Word:

Legalism: How do I stay out of trouble?

Relationship: What is God's heart for this situation?

The key difference: _____

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