



Verse References

Genesis 22:2

Galatians 5:1

Galatians 5:2–6

Galatians 5:7–10

Galatians 5:11

Revelation 12:11

Galatians 5:13–15

Galatians 5:16–18

Galatians 5:19–21

Galatians 5:22–24

Galatians 5:25



Step by Step: Week 6, *No Ordinary Family*

I. Previously on “My Two Sons”

- Throwback to classic TV families: characters who “disappeared” from the script
 - Chuck Cunningham – *Happy Days*
 - Judy Winslow – *Family Matters*
 - Brendan Lambert - *Step by Step*

- Mike Douglas – *My Three Sons* (replaced by Ernie to maintain the title)
 - Spiritual comparison: Ishmael is written out, but God's story continues with a spirit of adoption (Genesis 22:2)
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II. Guard Your Freedom

Galatians 5:1–6

- Don't return to slavery through the law or works
- Circumcision vs. faith: outward symbols do not bring salvation
- The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love

“You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.” (Gal. 5:4)

III. The Weight of Bondage: Denver's Story

- From *Same Kind of Different As Me*
- Denver's poverty, isolation, and lack of opportunity reflect spiritual slavery
- True freedom is not just knowing there's a train out—but having the courage to jump on it

"I didn't know that I was free..." — Denver Moore

➤ Many people are stuck spiritually because they don't know another way exists

IV. Who Cut in on You?

 **Galatians 5:7–10**

- **The danger of spiritual leaven (false teaching, legalism)**
- **A little compromise spoils the whole loaf**
→ like yeast, it grows and spoils if not kept in check
- **Jesus also warned of the yeast of the Pharisees (Luke 12:1)**

“A little leaven leavens the whole lump.” (Gal. 5:9)

V. The Offense of the Cross

 **Galatians 5:11**

- **The Cross demands surrender, not self-effort**
 - **E.M. Bounds: “All God's plans have the mark of the Cross on them... death to self”**
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VI. Freedom to Serve in Love

 **Galatians 5:13–15**

- **True liberty is not selfish—it's self-giving**
- **Love your neighbor as yourself**

- **Avoid biting and devouring each other—selfish freedom leads to destruction**

“Do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh...”

VII. The Spirit vs. The Flesh

 ***Galatians 5:16–21***

- **Two opposing forces:**
 - **Flesh: evident in works like hatred, wrath, selfishness**
 - **Spirit: leads to life and peace**
- **We can’t pick and choose which “flesh issues” to ignore**

“Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

(Already/Not Yet Kingdom tension)

VIII. The Fruit of the Spirit

 ***Galatians 5:22–24***

- **Godward: Love, Joy, Peace**
- **Manward: Patience, Kindness, Goodness**
- **Selfward: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control**

“Against such things there is no law.”

→ These qualities don’t need regulation—they fulfill the Law naturally

IX. Walk in the Spirit

 ***Galatians 5:25***

- Freedom must be lived out
 - Walking in the Spirit is more than belief—it’s behavior
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X. Closing Story: A Million Peso Freedom

- General Simón Bolívar freed all slaves in Peru using his reward money
- Why free a nation if the people still live in chains?

“It is for freedom that Christ set us free...” (Gal. 5:1)

 **Key Takeaway:**

**We are not ordinary. We are adopted, freed, and filled with the Spirit.
Let us walk in the Spirit so that our lives reflect fruit, not failure.**