

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Freeway (A Study of Galatians)
Message Title: I Fought the Law, and Grace won!
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UP NEXT

- **EASTER EGG HUNT** - We are asking that each Life Group drop of at least 3 dozen filled Easter eggs for the egg hunt. You can drop them off at the church beginning Sunday, April 2nd. Also if you want to volunteer at the Egg Hunt, please email roger.graber@reality.church
- **REALITY KIDS FX** - Reality Kids is hosting a family experience on **Friday, March 31st**, from 7 to 9 pm. Come enjoy a night together as a family with music, entertainment and encouragement! don't miss this opportunity to connect spiritually as a family, and to get to know some other families! There will also be a party with refreshments in the warehouse following the show!
- **EASTER** - Make plans to attend one of our four Easter services on Sunday, April 16th. Service times are 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, and 4:30pm. Bring your 1More.
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MAIN IDEA

The Law demands, Do this! But Grace offers, Receive this!

INTRODUCTION

- With a defense of his apostleship behind him, Paul spends the next two chapters defending the gospel he received by revelation. It is a gospel which proclaims justification by faith in Christ, not by keeping the works of the Law. As support, Paul begins by providing a personal argument, asking the Galatians to recall how they themselves had received the Spirit, and from Whom. That it did not come from obeying the works of the Law (but rather through the hearing of faith) should be obvious to them. If they had began in the Spirit, why then seek to be made perfect by the flesh (1-5)?

DISCUSSION

- Take some time to share with one another what brought you to belief in Jesus Christ? (If you're still on your journey please share that as well: what your struggling to understand or believe).
- What areas of your life are you most tempted to operate under your own ability, rather than depend on God?
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 3:1-5\)](#)
 - Why do you think Paul is so forceful in his language here?
 - Since it is difficult to prove faith, is there anything anyone could say, do or discover that would lead you to abandon your faith?

- Is there anything that could happen to you or someone you love that would lead you to question your faith?
- Have someone read [\(Galatians 3:10-15\)](#)
 - (Verse 10) If a person believes that God will save them because they do good works, what is the “curse” that they live under?
 - How did the crucifixion of Christ remove that curse from us all?
- Paul doesn’t talk about faith as something intangible, uncertain or unreliable. He talks about faith as the only true certainty. And his faith is built upon a personal, face to face encounter with the Christ. I believe in all of our testimonies, there is some moment where we have known beyond a doubt that God is real to us – we have experienced something that no one can take away from us. Our faith is built on a life-changing experience that cannot be denied. This is the basis of a lasting faith that Paul speaks of in this chapter.
 - What is something that God has done for you or revealed to you that no one could ever take away from you?
- If Jesus has provided a way to God through faith, why do we still have the Law? Does the Law hold the same power over Believers and Non-Believers?
- How should Christians view the Law today?

SERIES MEMORY VERSE: *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free...”* Galatians 5:1

APPLY IT

- What in your life has been covered by Grace?
- Was it covered partially or completely?
- Was it covered temporarily or permanently?
- How are you going to live in response?



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