

**Notes: Faith and Freedom | Hindered
Compelled Church, September 19-20, 2020
Pastor Nate Elarton**

Galatians 5.7-12

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

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1. Allowing sin in your life

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,” (Hebrews 12:1, NIV)

2. False doctrines and teachings

Unbiblical, extra biblical, and no biblical

3. Unbalanced Pursuits

We only have so much time and money. Hobbies are great, I have one, but if I carve wood and neglect my family, my spiritual life, and my faith community it is out of balance and will slow down my progress in Christ.

4. People “Who hindered you?”

“This persuasion is not from him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.” (Galatians 5:8–10, ESV)

5. Cares of this world

“but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.” (Mark 4:19, ESV)

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1. What are some common hindrances to serving Christ?
2. Read Galatians 5:7-12, discuss these verses and read verse 7 a couple times.

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3. The Greek word: Hindered/Enkopto = means to make progress slow or difficult, *hinder, thwart*
Sometimes we focus on the big hindrances. What are some of the little hindrances from our walk we all have to battle back and curb?

4. Pastor said a big hindrance was allowing sin in your life

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What sins are accepted today even in the Christian Community if any?

5. Pastor said unbalanced purists might be a hindrance.

What are some pursuits and things we do/own, that can hinder us?

6. Pastor closed that this world is a constant hindrance. Here are some of the things he listed that we all deal with.

- Hurts
- Disappointments
- Money stress
- Being over tired
- Disappointments
- Worry
- Grief
- Burdens
- Love/worry/care for other people

Can you relate to any of these?

How can we stay focused when we will never be free of these?

Close in prayer as the Spirit of God leads you. Maybe pray for those in a stressful season right now.