

Live Free 02: "Compromise"
Galatians 2:11-16

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Main Idea: Christ-followers are connected to one another through the body of Christ and should not tolerate anything that compromises the Gospel.

Series

Welcome to a chapter-by-chapter study through the NT book of Galatians. Paul's letter to the Galatian churches is all about freedom! Freedom in Christ. The freedom found in Christ is one of the many things that separates Christianity from every other world religion. Only Christianity teaches that my right standing before God and my eternal reward is **found in Christ by grace through faith** – plus nothing and minus nothing.

Live and Let Live

In our second study together, we are going to confront a **powerful and pervasive false assumption** alive and well in the church today. Hold on to your hat. Galatians ch.2 teaches us that we are united in Christ and accountable to one another. In the body of Christ, you should be able to **look me in the eye and call me out** on my hypocrisy. When my lifestyle crosses the line and compromises the Gospel or the body of Christ, ch.2 teaches you should take me to task.

At Issue – Peter’s Compromise

In the first-century church a certain group of believers referred to themselves as **“the circumcision.”** The false teachers (“Judaizers”) we’re attempting to impose this on Gentile converts (see Acts 15:1-2). The apostles were in complete agreement and verified the church’s rejection of this false doctrine, **but the pressure was on to fit in with powerful Christ-followers in Jerusalem.** Peter succumbed to the pressure compromising the true Gospel and Paul called him on it.

Application

How does this apply in the modern church? Our study from ch.2 contains a number of applications. Here are a few...

Christ-followers are accountable to one another. Believe it or not, even in the land of the free I do not have the right to live as I please and expect everyone else to get over it!

Christ-followers have impact on one another. Your life influences others. No one here would hold themselves up as the model for others to follow (that’s called humility), but at the same time, we can learn from one another – that’s called accountability.

Christ-followers should be committed to the truth. Paul rebuked Peter because Peter had compromised the truth. Christ-followers should be unwavering on truth and righteousness.

Christ-followers are motivated by love and grace. There's a right way and a wrong way to go about this.

Family Night Big idea – Read Galatians 2:11-16

Teach your children the simplicity and beauty of the Gospel is worth protecting. Even if that means confrontation.

Elementary School – Ask, “What did Peter (Cephas) do that upset Paul? Peter’s hypocrisy even affected whom (v.13)? Who did Peter fear (v.12)? How are we justified (v.16)?”

Middle/ High School – Ask, “Why did Peter cave to peer pressure? How was Peter compromising the Gospel? What usually motivates us to compromise? What is the proper way to approach someone in their hypocrisy?”

Prayer: "Heavenly Father we want to be strong and consistent in our life as we follow Jesus. Amen."

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Meet at the church Wednesday at 6:30.

Lock-In happens this Friday at 8pm.

Gravity: Today in both services in Velocity Theater.

Today’s Songs

Happy Day.....Jesus Culture

I Speak Jesus.....Charity Gayle

Move.....Jesus Culture

Promotion Sunday

On August 4th children who will attend Pre-School this year will be promoted to KidsJAM. Kids who start the 6th grade this year will be promoted to Velocity. We will recognize these two groups in both services that Sunday. Look for Parent Letter at sign in.

Church is Getting a New Well

Our well is 20 years old and the galvanized piping is leaving rust deposits in our tank. Toilet water and tap water looks dirty. There is no danger to us but we want the problem fixed. We will be digging a new well but will have to wait to get a permit and then it will take 3-4 weeks for the well company to get started. Thank you for your patience!

Velocity Ski Trip

Time to mark your calendar and start saving for the ski trip! We will head to West Virginia on Jan. 17th – 20th.

PlusONE

Add something to your faithwalk this summer, especially if you will miss being at church! Check out the brochure in the lobby and ask us for help!