Galatians 5:1-15

**1** For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**2** Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. **3** I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. **4** You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

**5** For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

**6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

**7** You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? **8** This persuasion is not from him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump. **10** 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. **11** But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. **12** I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

**13** For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **14** For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." **15** But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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Discussion questions:

Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard? Which error do you feel more prone to – legalism or licence?

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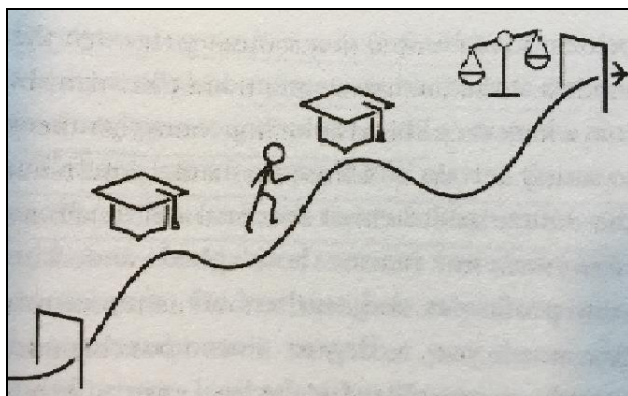## Galatians 5:1-15
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**DON'T LOSE YOUR FREEDOM –**

**through legalism  (v1-12)**

- stand firm (v1) [1]

- be warned (v2-4) [2]

- wait eagerly (v5)

- have faith (v6)

- keep running (v7-12)

**DON'T ABUSE YOUR FREEDOM –
through licence (v13-15)**

- not freedom to sin (v13a)

- freedom to serve (v13b-15)



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[1] Acts 15:10; Matthew 11:28
[2] Xt + c = 0