

## **The Gospel-Centered Life: The Free Way**

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1. Are you generally more likely to divert from the “free way” into the ditch of *legalism* or the ditch of *license*?
2. Read Galatians 5:1. In what ways are experiencing the freedom that Christ has purchased on the cross for us?
3. Read Galatians 5:2-6. Do you ever feel motivated to justify yourself? What things are you doing in order to try to merit favor?
4. What does your response to criticism reveal about your tendencies toward legalism?
5. Read Galatians 5:7-12. Where do you see legalism in your home? In the church? How have you been involved in the spread of the contagion of legalism?
6. In what ways is the message of the cross offensive in our culture?
7. Read Galatians 5:13-15. How does our culture define freedom? How does this differ from the freedom to which God calls us?
8. In what areas are you living as though life is all about you?
9. Is your love for God and others an outpouring of faith or an attempt to earn favor? What difference can this make?
10. How do you need to more deeply experience God – and his love for you?
11. Are you “biting and devouring” others – at home, at work, at group, at church? What does it look like when we refuse to respond this way to others?