

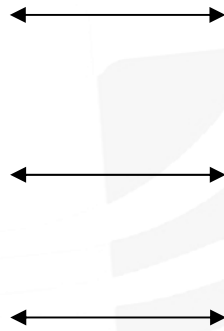
Discovering and Confronting
the Spiritual Roadblocks
in our life.

ROAD
BLOCKS

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What are "rules" good for in life?

Understanding the tension between ...



How can we live under the Law of _____?

[Galatians 5:1-6,13-15] *you can make notes on the back ...*

- 1) Embrace Spiritual _____
 - > from sin & from the law [John 8:31-32]
 - > how?

- 2) Express our freedom in _____
 - > Love God; _____ others [Matt. 22:37-40]
 - > what does this look like?

- 3) _____ everything [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24]
 - > by the Holy Spirit within you
 - > in partnership with others around you

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, *underline* phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side

Freedom In Christ (Galatians 5:1-6, 13-15, NLT)

¹ So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

² Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³ I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. ⁴ For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

⁵ But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. ⁶ For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

Digging Deeper this week ...

If you would like to take today's teaching to the next level, then start digging!

Ask yourself the following questions ...

- 1) Have "rules" ever been a roadblock in my spiritual walk before? Which ones?
- 2) How have I attempted to confront this roadblock in the past?

Read about Peter's vision in Acts chapters 10-11 in your personal time.

- 3) Isn't it great to see God's role in both Cornelius' life and in Peter's? How does this relate to our call to put our faith in action by loving others?

Read about living by the Spirit in Galatians 5:16-26 in your personal time.

- 4) Is your "sinful nature" still active? Are you seeing in "fruit" in your life?

Read about the spiritual freedom discussed in Colossians 2:6-3:17 in your personal time.

- 5) How can you set your heart on things above this week? Are there things that need to be "put to death" in your life? Are there things you need to clothe yourself with?