

**Be Free Sermon Series Week 3: Free from Unreasonable Demands**  
**“Your Get Out of Jail Free Card”**  
**June 14 Small Group Discussion Guide**  
**Galatians 3:19-29**

**Scripture Reading**

Please read Galatians 3:19–29 in the New Living Translation (NLT) (or whatever version you prefer).

**Scripture Discussion Questions**

1. How do you understand/explain the differences between relating to God through the law and relating to Him through faith in Jesus?
  
2. Read Galatians 3:1-5.
  - Why do you think the Galatians were reverting to following the law to be righteous?
  - The commentary with this passage says, “People still feel insecure in their faith because faith alone seems too easy. They prefer trying to get closer to God by following rules because there’s something about earning what we get that makes us feel like we deserve it.” Do you relate to that reasoning? How can we help ourselves/each other readily accept God’s grace?
  
3. In Galatians 3:27 – 28 Paul says, “For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
  - What kinds of barriers or divisions tend to separate us today and what would it look like for our country, our church or even your small group to live out that unity.
  - What steps can we take to help make Paul’s words come true?
  
4. What stands out to you most about God's grace?

**Sermon Questions “Your Get Out of Jail Free Card”**

1. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” Galatians 3:13
  - What does that mean to you? How does thinking God is your “Get out of Jail Free card” make you feel?
  
2. Can you think of ways God has used failure, conviction, or difficult circumstances to help you recognize your need for His grace? Where the Get out of Jail Free Card was gratefully used?

3. How does believing that we have Apollo Creed – OK, the Law – inside us, guiding us, make you feel?
4. Pastor Doug quoted Catherine Booth, a cofounder of the Salvation army:  
“What the law tried to do by a restraining power from without, the gospel does by an inspiring power from within.”
  - The Holy Spirit is inside us as an internal compass directing us to go God’s way. How do we access that power?
  - Do you feel the Holy Spirit guiding you? Can you share a time when the Holy Spirit prompted or guided you from within? How did you recognize His leading?
5. In what area of your life do you most need to stop striving and start trusting God to do what you cannot do yourself??

**Closing Question**

What is one truth you want to remember this week, and what is one step of faith God may be asking you to take?