PARENT PAGE

COVENANT LESSON 2

OLD COVENANT AND NEW COVENANT

Galatians 3:17–25	Galatians 3:23-24	Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. **Galatians 3:23-24**
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When your teen looks at you, does he or she see a religion of Law or a relationship of faith?

Read Galatians 3:17–25. A small minority of Jewish Christians tried to make new Gentile Christians follow all the Jewish Law. Paul wrote to the Galatians to defend the freedom found in Christ. This freedom sets believers free from the weight of the Law.

Prior to Christ's death, Jews looked for their identity and salvation in following the Law. Christ's death gave all—Jews and Gentiles—access to intimacy with God. The Law exposes our shortcomings, but it can never give us a relationship with Christ. Where the Law once held us captive, faith in Christ gives us freedom to live in relationship with God.

Have you truly experienced this freedom? As you invest in your teenagers, are you able to rest in the freedom that is yours in Christ?

Talk with the Father about your walk with Him. Ask Him to help you enjoy true intimacy with Him—and not be trapped in a dry, ritualistic religion.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

List some of the rules of the household such as curfew, chores, showing respect, or TV and computer use. Once everyone has had the chance to contribute, discuss the following questions: **Why do these rules exist? What are some consequences if they are violated?** Then say: **These ground rules help to maintain some sense of consistency and security at home. However, the freedom to love one another—not just strict adherence to rules—should form the foundation of our relationships with each other.** Each family member answers: **What would it be like if this freedom did not guide our relationships?**

Explore . . .

Family members share in reading Galatians 3:17–25. Then, the family discusses: **Do we live our lives in grateful response to our freedom in Jesus Christ? Or do we view the Christian life as that of the Galatians—a system to follow rather than a personal God to be loved? Do our lives paint an attractive portrait of Christ to those around us? How?**

Transform . . .

The family discusses: **When does our family most act like we are living in grace? When are we more legalistic?**

Pray that God will teach you as a family how to better magnify the freedom and beauty of Christ to those around you.

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