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TITLE	Don't Miss This, You Idiot!
SERIES	The Galatians struggled with what following Jesus really means. Some couldn't let go of the old laws, while others abused their new freedom. So, how do we fight the legalism of too many rules without creating a free-for-all without them? Is there a fine line between the two extremes?

What a “tough love” message to the Galatians Paul writes! This week we focused on Galatians 3:1 – 4:7, starting with 6 burning questions leading to the point, “Don’t miss this message!” If we are followers of Jesus, we are adopted into His family; we must accept that truth by faith. We can’t perform our way into the kingdom; we receive that grace-based relationship with Jesus. When our hearts change, our behaviors are different.

1. God gave us grace for free; there’s nothing we did (or can do) to earn it. Does that mean that we can do whatever we want, without consequences? Why/why not?
2. Describe how your relationship with God looks like today. If there are aspects of that relationship that seem performance-based, how might you address those areas to make them grace-based?
3. Compare/contrast some qualities of a grace-based relationship against those in a performance-based relationship. In which type of relationship do you respond better? How might you engage with others in ways that are life-affirming (grace-based) rather than life-draining (performance-based)?
4. Please read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. How does forgiveness play into living a grace-based relationship with others?
5. In the sermon, Pastor David stated, “We can get comfort or Christ; sometimes we get both.” What does that statement mean to you?

Lord, thank you for adopting us as your children—for seeing each one of us individually and choosing us on purpose—to be part of Your family and receive the inheritance You saved for us! Help us be a people that is grace-driven and truth-led. Please guide our thoughts, words, and actions as we seek to build grace-based rather than performance-based relationships with others. Amen!