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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?

In today's sermon, Pastor David discussed the three sections of Galatians 2, which focused on legalism (verses 1-10), liberalism (verses 11-14), and grace (verses 15-21). Learning to walk the fine line of grace between legalism and liberalism will help in how we approach our faith and relationship with Christ.

1. What are your first thoughts on legalism and liberalism as it pertains to this study? How do you balance the two?
2. Have you ever thought "God can't really mean _____?" (fill in the blank)
3. Who are the circumcised and uncircumcised in Galatians 2? How does this tie into Legalism and Grace? What does Galatians 5:6 mean to you?
4. Look at Romans 2. Where do you find that we should be circumcised in our hearts? How does this relate to Galatians 2?
5. Galatians 2:15-21 (NIV) mentions the word "justified" four times. Find the four times it is used. How does this imply that we are not guilty?
6. Traditions, convictions, and customs do not always mean Truth from the Bible. How can we avoid making these three areas lean either toward liberalism or toward legalism? Can you think of examples of how to speak Truth and not traditions, convictions, or customs to others as we share Christ with them? What practical ways can we as Christians help our kids see God's word and not pop culture as the guiding principles for life?
7. Can we profitably see The Law as a tool for helping us avoid behaviors and actions, which are not spiritually beneficial for us without thinking these earn us Salvation?
8. Should we seek confirmation that we are walking the fine line between legalism and liberalism? From other Christians? From our spiritual leaders? How do we know when we are getting it right?

Lord, help us to rely on you daily for the grace to walk the fine line between legalism and liberalism. Help us to not make up our own rules and check our spiritual boxes, nor use culture as our moral guide, but to always live by faith, relying on you, Lord. Thank you for giving your son to die on the cross so that we may be covered by grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.