

Stand Firm in the Freedom of Jesus Galatians 5:1-12

First Movement: Keep standing firm in what Jesus has done! Galatians 5:1-4

- **Reminder/Positive (v.1)**
 - A moment where grammar matters. Indicative - what God has done to set us free. Imperative - what we do out of that work that is already done.
 - Psalm 1:2-3
 - We stand most firm when on our knees.
- **Warning/Negative (v.2-4)**
 - You can't add to Christ without subtracting Christ. He is either all your value or He is without value.

Second Movement: Through the Spirit, we wait for hope! Galatians 5:5-9

- **Reminder/Positive (v.5-6)**
 - Through Spirit, by faith, for hope.
- **Warning/Negative (v.7-9)**
 - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Third Movement: I believe in you! Let's do this! Galatians 5:10-12

- **Encouragement/Positive/Reminder (v.10)**
- **Condemnation of troublemakers/Negative (v.11-12)**

Response: To keep standing firm, it takes honesty and vulnerability about the areas of our lives where we aren't free or where we struggle to trust God's strength instead of our own. What are you standing in instead of standing in freedom?

LifeGroup Discussion

1. In what ways are you tempted to live out of your own power, rather than trusting in the power of God? How do you go back to the tangible when the Spirit offers more?
2. Give each other some positive examples of when you (or someone you know) were able to stand firm in the work of Christ.
3. Pray for each other to be able to stand firm in the work that Jesus has already done for us.

Next Steps

1. **Spend some time journaling** about the ways that it's difficult for you to trust in God's strength and not your own. How do you tend to go back to the law and earning God's acceptance rather than standing firm in freedom?
2. **Join us for VBS!** At Fun Factory VBS (Vacation Bible School), from July 24 - 28 at 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too.
 - **Register for VBS:** Calvary's VBS is open to kids entering grades 1 through 6 (in the fall of 2017). And best of all, it's all FREE! Register your kids - and invite other families to do so too - at calvarylife.org/vbs
 - **Volunteer at VBS:** It's rare to be able to offer such a great VBS for free. One distinction with Calvary Church's VBS is that it has always been free and will always be, but that is only because of great people like you. Register to volunteer at calvarylife.org/vbs
 - **Donate to VBS:** Can't be a VBS volunteer and still want to help? You can help by donating supplies. With a new, fun craft and snack every day of VBS, we'll need lots of help in this area. Visit the VBS Donation Station in the lobby to pick up a tag, then just purchase that item and bring it back to Calvary. Or we can always use gift cards to Smart & Final, Costco, and Target too. Learn more at calvarylife.org/vbs