

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **THANKSGIVING BOXES ARE HERE:** Pick up a box, fill it and bring it back by **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** and bless a family this holiday season!!
- **SUPERMOMMIES:** Meet the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am.**
- **LADIES BOOK CLUB:** Ladies – grab the book “In Harm’s Way” by Irene Hannon. Read it and then meet with us **Mon, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** to chat about it! Call Kathy @ 602-439-1623 for directions!
- **GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:** Are you dreading the holidays knowing everything has changed because of the loss of a loved one? Join us as we offer you help and hope as you navigate through the Holiday Season. **Tuesday, November 17, 7:00pm** at the church offices. Sign up now!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Ladies mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm!** Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and all the festivities! Purchase your tickets now at the Women’s Ministry table!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION HELP:** If you’d like to host a table, help set up or clean up – please sign up! ☺
- **FIT 4 LIFE EXERCISE:** Join us for “Re-fit” exercise Saturdays **8am** at the church offices. This class is for women of any age, size or fitness level! Come have fun getting fit!
- **GET INVOLVED:** Where do you fit? **Security Team & Children’s Ministry** have openings for volunteers! Fill out a comment card and get involved **NOW!**

**Check out our website @ dbcc.com for more info & events  
or call the church office 602-374-4588  
Wifi info: DB Guest Password: dbguest1**

Teaching Series: **“FREEDOM”**

**(For Freedom Christ has set us Free-Gal5:1)**

There is no greater feeling on earth than being FREE! Ask anyone who has stepped out of prison or broken free from oppression or has kicked an enslaving addiction. With confident expectation they begin a new life. Even more freedom and joy beyond words, are those who have experienced the message found in the New Testament letter of Galatians.

Nov 7/8	<b>“Gospel Freedom”</b>	Galatians 5:1-15
Nov 14/15	<b>“Gospel Character 1”</b>	Galatians 5:16-25

**Oct 31 & Nov 1,  
2015**

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for October 24/25  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$16,005

# FREEDOM

(For FREEDOM Christ has set us free! Gal 5:1)

Oct 31/Nov 01, 2015

Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## “An Allegory of the Gospel” Galatians 4:21-31

Non-Christians will tend hear gospel presentations as appeals to become a “nice person” rather than a “new person” unless we are clear in articulating the drastic difference between moralism and the Gospel. Even among Christians the default mode of our hearts is “moralism”—that is, the idea that our performance determines how God feels about us. Unless we are actively preaching the gospel to ourselves and others daily, beating it into our hearts continually.... we will easily fall back into “moralism.”

### RELIGION (Hagar) Vs. GOSPEL (Sarah)

I obey-therefore I’m accepted \_\_\_\_\_-therefore I obey (v21; Eph2:8-10)

Slave: Fear & Insecurity Free: (v22; 1Pet1:8) Indescribable/Indestructible \_\_\_\_\_

Flesh (Will Power) (v23; Phil2:12-13) \_\_\_\_\_ (God’s power)

Law: (wage) I obey to get things from God Grace: (gift) (v24-26; Rom6:14) I obey to \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Glory

Bad Circumstances: Angry at God and/or Myself Bad Circumstances: not punitive but \_\_\_\_\_ & His Fatherly \_\_\_\_\_ is enough

Criticized: Fight or Flight Blow-up or melt down Criticized: struggle but open b/c \_\_\_\_\_ not virtuous self

Pray/Bible: heats up in suffering more about petition

Pray/Bible: \_\_\_\_\_ w/ God more about praise & adoration

Fruit: Driven, disappointed, & Devastated (v27; Jn15:1-17)

Fruit: \_\_\_\_\_... enjoying the many good things of life w/o being controlled by them

Self-image: Swaggering (Pride) or Sniveling (Despair) (v28-29; 1Jn1:7-9)

Self-image: \_\_\_\_\_ (sinful) & \_\_\_\_\_ (loved)

Change: Acts of the Will (v30-31; Ps63:3)

Change: \_\_\_\_\_ of the Heart

### Growing Notes

1) Why do you think non-Christians tend hear gospel presentations as appeals to being a “nice person” rather than a Gospel transformed “new person”? Why do you think that even among Christians the default mode of our hearts is “moralism”? What are its symptoms? What’s the cure (Ps103:1-2)?

2) Read Galatians 4:21-31. What stands out to you? Abraham decided to rely on himself to make God’s promises come to pass (Gen16). Have you ever done something similar? What were the results? When have you seen God do what seems impossible in your life, or in the lives of those around you? What are the powerful & personal implications of Verse 27?

3) Slowly review and reflect on the comparison chart between Religion (Hagar) vs. the Gospel (Sarah). Which one(s) are the most comforting to you? Which one(s) are the most convicting to you? What are some things you can begin to do to beat the gospel into your head and heart more continually? Pray that the Gospel will continue to overtake our lives at db for God’s glory and our joy!