

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **ANGEL TREE:** It's that time! The tree is up and the tags are out! Grab a tag – be sure to sign for it – and then purchase the gifts and return by December 15<sup>th</sup>! E-Mail Amy@dbcc.com for more info!
- **DB CAFÉ TUMBLERS:** Buy a cup by itself, with a drink or with a drink card! They make great gifts! And the profits go to Missions so it's a win-win! Tumblers go on sale this weekend!
- **CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** If you aren't already serving – please consider volunteering for one of our Christmas Eve services! Need is for Childcare, Greeting, Security. Please mark a communication card and drop it in the offering box! Thanks!
- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY BAKE SALE: December 12th & 13th!**  
We are doing a "Holiday Baked" theme! Bring & donate your packaged Christmas cookies, muffins, cakes and goodies and purchase someone else's family fav! Proceeds will go to Women's Ministry 2016 events & retreat!
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Got hurts, habits & hang ups? Come Celebrate Recovery with us **Saturday evenings – Dinner @ 5:15pm, Service @ 6:00pm** in Suite #106!

Check out our website @ [dbcc.com](http://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.

Dec 05/06	<b>“Gospel Relationships 2”</b>	Galatians 6:1-5
Dec 12/13	<b>“Gospel Sowing &amp; Reaping”</b>	Galatians 6:6-10
Dec 19/20	<b>“Gospel Boasting”</b>	Galatians 6:11-18
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Christmas Eve Services 4pm &amp; 5:30pm</b>	

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for November 21/22  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$23,761

**November 28/29,  
2015**

# FREEDOM

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

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## “Gospel Relationships1” Galatians 5:26-6:5

Relationships are only as healthy as the individuals that make up those relationships. Therefore, individual wholeness is the key to healthy relationships. Relationships don't put you in conflict with others as much as they put you in conflict with your own sinful nature.

### RELATIONAL CONFLICT

#### THE CAUSE: Honor Hunger (conceited) v26

“Conceit” = Gr. “kenodoxoi”—vain-glory or empty of honor.

- It is a deep \_\_\_\_\_ committed to \_\_\_\_\_ our worth & value to ourselves & others.
- It is consumed with \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves with others causing us to either be \_\_\_\_\_ (tower) or \_\_\_\_\_ (cower). vv3-4; 2Cor10:12
- This describes the \_\_\_\_\_ of our heart without the Gospel. Phil2:1-5

#### THE CONSEQUENCES: Provoking & Envy v26

“Provoking” = Gr. “prokaleomai”—to call forth, to challenge, to irritate.

“Envy” = Gr. “phthoneo”—to be jealous of. It is a discontentment & resentment stirred-up by & in combination with a desire for what someone else has.

- “Provoking” is an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ and “Envy” is an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Both are \_\_\_\_\_ (pride) and focused on how the other person makes you look and feel instead of how you make the other person look and feel.
- Both are a form of \_\_\_\_\_ trying to gain worth & value through performance & competition at the expense of others.

Do you have a tendency to provoke or envy in relationships?

- ✓ Do I have a tendency to “blow up” or to “clam up”?
- ✓ Do I tend to pick arguments or avoid them?
- ✓ Do I tend to get down on certain people/groups or tend to get embarrassed and intimidated around certain people/groups?
- ✓ When criticized, do I get angry & judgmental—attack back or do I get very discouraged & defensive—make lots of excuses, or give right in?
- ✓ Do I often think: I would never, ever do what this person had done or do I often look at and say: I could never, ever accomplish what this person does?

**Galatians 5:6, 14-15**

## THE CURE: The Gospel!

- It gives me a \_\_\_\_\_ not based on comparisons with others making me either superior or inferior to others, but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. vv3-4
- It humbles us by reminding us that we are \_\_\_\_\_ saved by grace & at the same time it gives us confidence by reminding us that we are \_\_\_\_\_ by the only one in the Universe that matters. Jn3:16; Rom5:8
- I am a unique, one of a kind, original \_\_\_\_\_, created for good works which God prepared beforehand that I should walk in them. Eph2:10; 1Cor4:7; Gal6:2, 5
- To the degree I am working \_\_\_\_\_ is to the degree I will either feel superior (confident but not humble) when I'm winning or inferior (humble but not confident) when I'm losing. Gal 5:6; John 5:44
- You must \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_:  
When feeling inferior you must say, “Jesus Christ's approval of me, not anyone else's, is my identity, worth, value and righteousness.”  
When feeling superior you must say, “What I think of me is not the important thing. I am just as much a sinner and undeserving of Christ's love for me, as others.”

### Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think individual wholeness is the key to healthy relationships? What difference should the Gospel make in our relationships (Gal5:6, 14-15)? Relationships don't put you in conflict with others as much as they put you in conflict with your own sinful nature. Explain.
- 2) Read Galatians 5:26-6:5. What do you think is the big idea of these verses? What stands out to you from these verses? What is the cause of our relational conflict (v26)? What is “conceit”? What is conceit consumed with (Gal6:3-4; 2Cor10:12)? How does “conceit” describe a heart without the Gospel (Phil2:1-5)?
- 3) What are the two effects of conceit on relationships (v26)? What is the difference between “provoking” & “envy”? What does it mean that both come from pride and works-righteousness? Review the five question inventory from the sermon notes. Do you have a tendency to provoke or envy in relationships?
- 4) What is the cure to relational conflict? How does the Gospel give you a whole new identity? Why do you think we disdain and demean our Creator and ourselves as His masterpiece when we compare ourselves with others and feel superior or inferior to others (Eph2:10; 1Cor4:7; Gal6:2, 5)? What happens when I work for my identity? How should I preach the Gospel to myself when I am feeling superior or inferior? Pray.