

Week 5 - Law, Liberty, License

Day 30

Read: Romans 14

We tend to come from two ends of the spectrum - having thrown off the bonds of legalism, we feel super sensitive about anyone trying to take us back there; or having lived a wild and crazy life with no boundaries, we cling to black and white life that has clear perimeters and parameters. The bizarre thing is that the iGod phenomenon can be on display even in this! It is centred around what I want, what makes me feel comfortable.

Friends, we weren't made for comfort. We were made for this adventurous, dynamic, Spirit led life of loving God and loving others. This means that our place of comfort needs to constantly be challenged. The other thing is that we can't just make blanket rules for everybody - whatever our revelation is, everyone else needs to catch up! No, that is the me-centred way of life that Jesus is calling us away from. He instead wants us to love people enough to see where they are up to, and consider them in the way that we act.

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Question: Does it annoy you when people haven't come to the same degree of freedom you have around something? Does that cause you to look down on them? Or do you get annoyed when people are doing something that you feel they shouldn't? Do you have the propensity to judge them?

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to keep my eyes on You, and what You are asking of me - not anybody else. Help me not to judge those who go further on some things than I would, and help me not to look down on those who still seem bound up in law. Thank you for inviting me into this dynamic relationship with You that is not a list of rules, but a day by day relationship.