What would you do if you lost the basic freedoms: freedom to speak, freedom to drive, freedom to just exist? If someone said now you have to do everything I “TELL” you. How would you react?

In Galatians 4:8-29, the Galatian Christians were on the verge of giving up their freedom in Christ and return to their “old ways” of living, before they received the “truth” in Jesus Christ.

As Christians we may sometimes have the wrong focus like the Galatians and start to focus on old, “non-Christian rituals that may become stumbling blocks in our growth in Christ. For the Jews it was whether to follow the law pertaining to circumcision and the fact that everyone had to be circumcised to follow Christ. Circumcision was not necessary because of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our individual “stumbling blocks” may vary but we are to never lose focus on Jesus.

Sometimes, we have to be reminded, as Paul reminds the Galatians how they received the gospel, with joy, and how their lives were changed. He wonders why they would go back since the gospel brought them so much joy. We should ask ourselves the same question, if we slip or are wandering what it would be like to go backwards in Christ. Sometimes we may have to be reminded of how our lives were before we accepted Christ. Ponder that for a moment and it shouldn’t take us long to decide we don’t want to go back.

Finally, Paul encourages the Galatians to place their eagerness, in promoting circumcision as a necessary religious rite, into continuing to seek God and His word. Let’s all take heed to Paul’s word and have constant dedication to the good news of Jesus Christ and not religious rituals, realizing our freedom is so much more in Jesus Christ.

To find out more about No Turning Back please join us at 9:45 for our weekly Sunday School lesson.