

## You gotta have faith

### Intro

- Welcome and invite them to Three Trails 101 (Slide)
- What matters most-What Christianity is supposed to be about, a series on Galatians

Backdrop of Galatians: Christianity came out of Judaism, what do we do now,

- Paul delivered the Gospel of Jesus to this province, false teachers came behind him and tried to discredit Paul and his message
- Paul writes this emotional letter, to bring clarity
  - Personal
    - No other gospel
    - I am an apostle
    - Peter even struggled with faith-Paul: even as jews we had to come by faith
  - Doctrine: Hey Jews even Father Abraham came to God through faith
    - To have a relationship with God you

Slide: You Gotta Have faith

- Children of the 80's-George Micheal, late 90's limp bizkit, Millennial are lost, baby boomers-there hasn't been good music since the 70's.
- How does one perceive music, Relate the sense to faith.
  - What our 5 senses are to the physical world is what faith is to the spiritual.

Slide: Hebrews 11:6 Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

### Why then was the law given?

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- Added for the sake of transgressions
  - The law reveals my sin nature

**Romans 7:7** What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, **Do not covet.**

- Until the Seed to whom the promise was made would come.
  - It prepares me for the solution to my problem.

**Slide: 3: 19b-20** The law was put into effect through angels by means of a mediator. **20** Now a mediator is not just for one person alone, but God is one.

### Slide: What the what?

Explain the giving of the law and the covenant with Abraham.

- The Law: a two party contract between man and God which means it could be broken by man and become temporary.
- The Promise: a covenant that God made with Himself and is eternal.

**Slide 3:21** Is the law therefore contrary to God's promises? Absolutely not! For if the law had been granted with the ability to give life, then righteousness would certainly be on the basis of the law.

- For if the law had been granted-God could have made righteousness based on the keeping of the law.
- God is sovereign and can do what He wants when He wants. We are not equals

**Slide:** Isaiah 40: 25-26 "To whom will you compare me, or who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. **26** Look up and see! Who created these? He brings out the stars by number; he calls all of them by name. Because of his great power and strength, not one of them is missing.

**Slide 3:22** But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin's power, so that the promise might be given on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ to those who believe.

**Slide:** Why did Jesus have to die?

**Slide:** Isaiah 53:4-6, 10,12

**23** Before this faith came, we were confined under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. **24** The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith.

- We were confined imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed

It didn't keep us from becoming free but to prevent us from running after vain ways to have a relationship with God.

- The law was our guardian: a slave assigned to the student to watch out for the student on their way to school and to help them with their school work.

The law helps us understand that we are sinners and that the only way we can have a relationship with God is through faith.