Descriptions of Danger Galatians 5:7-12

You do not become a master musician by playing just as you please, by imagining that learning the scales is sheer legalism and bondage! No, true freedom in any area of life is the consequence of regular discipline. It is no less true of the life of prayer.

-Sinclair Ferguson

I. The Runner

II. The Baker

III. The Certainty

IV. The Hazard

V. The Surgeon

Into the Bible

 In Matthew 16:5-12, Jesus warns his disciples about the leaven of the Pharisees-their teaching. What teaching is this? What does Jesus constantly confront in them? (Matthew 23:4) How does this connect to Paul's concerns for the Galatians?

 Scandal can be defined as the outrage, anger, or surprise caused by someone transgressing a social norm. What is the scandal of the cross? Paul addresses this in
Corinthians 1:18-25. What expectations of the Messiah did Jesus break with in his death on the cross?

Application

3. Paul uses the imagery of running a race in several places in his writings. (Philippians 3:13-14; 2 Timothy 4:5-7) The author of Hebrews does likewise in 12:1-2. What about this imagery gives us clues about how we should live out our lives?

For Families

4. Talk with your children about why Jesus had to die for us.