

THE SWEETNESS OF FREEDOM

GALATIANS

Sunday, May 27, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

PART 8: A TALE OF TWO SONS

Galatians 4:21-31

In Galatians 4:21-31 Paul uses an allegory to further his argument for the supremacy of God's grace over religious works.

Interpreting the Bible

We interpret the Bible LITERALLY.

Core Value #2: God Wrote It All Down = God wrote a book and he has revealed everything we need to know about him and salvation in the Bible. In addition, written in the Bible is everything we need to successfully live the Christian life and have joy! *We are to believe God's Word in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.*

Allegory = A story that uses an extensive amount of symbolism to communicate a deeper level of meaning.

Literal interpretation doesn't mean we ignore literary devices or genres — it means we interpret them in light of those things, as they were originally intended to be understood.

Hagar, Sarah, and Their Sons (Genesis 16:1-16; Genesis 21:1-21)

A Tale of Two Sons (Galatians 4:21-31)

Two Sons:	Ishmael	Isaac
Two Women:	Hagar	Sarah
Two Realities:	Slave	Free
Two Covenants:	Works of the Law	Grace by Faith
Two Cities:	Present Jerusalem	Heaven
Two Identities:	Children of Slavery	Sons of Promise

You Have A Choice To Make...

1. Choosing **Jesus** is choosing **FREEDOM**.
2. Choosing **Religion/Idolatry** is choosing **SLAVERY**.

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP **HOMEWORK**

GETTING STARTED

1. What is the most “impossible” thing that you’ve ever seen actually happen? An underdog story? An unbelievable change of events/circumstance? Victory over certain defeat?
2. **Read Galatians 4:21-31** and review your message note. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

DISCUSS

3. **Read Genesis 15:1-6, and then all of chapter 16.** Pastor Josh talked about this story during the message on Sunday, but what stands out about it to you now?
4. Abraham decided to rely on himself to make God’s promises come to pass. Have you ever done something similar? What were the results?
5. When have you seen **God** do what seems impossible in your own life, or in the lives of those around you?
6. Now **read Genesis 21:1-21.** Pastor Josh also discussed this passage on Sunday. After reading it again, what stands out to you now?
7. Can you identify with Sarah in any way? If you can, how does her experience comfort and excite you?
8. In what ways could you treat children (either those you have, or those you don’t) as your savior?
9. Pastor Josh ended the message with two choices. If you choose Jesus you’re choosing freedom, but if you choose religion/idolatry you’re choosing slavery. Looking at your life currently, **which are you choosing?**

FREEDOM

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of North Webster Church of God. Thank the Lord for their ministry and pray for his continued guidance and blessing.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ After these **things** the word of the **LORD** came to **Abram** in a vision: "**Fear** not, **Abram**, I am your **shield**; your **reward** shall be **very great**." ² But **Abram** said, "O **Lord** **GOD**, what will you **give** me, for I **continue childless**, and the **heir** of my **house** is **Eliezer** of **Damascus**?" ³ And **Abram** said, "**Behold**, you have **given** me no **offspring**, and a **member** of my **household** will be my **heir**." ⁴ And **behold**, the word of the **LORD** came to him: "This man shall not be your **heir**; your **very** own son shall be your **heir**." ⁵ And he **brought** him outside and **said**, "**Look toward heaven**, and **number** the **stars**, if you are **able** to **number** them." **Then** he **said** to him, "So shall your **offspring** be." ⁶ And he believed the **LORD**, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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