Living Free

Children of Promise Message 9

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Outline

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(Galatians 4:21-31)

1. Conceived by God's \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 4:22-27. C/R: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:17; 21:5; Romans 4:13-25; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9) 3. Comprehend the purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 4:30-31. C/R: Genesis 21:9-14; Romans 3:20; 4:1-5; Acts 13:38-39; James 2:10)

**Answers:** 1. grace 2. Holy Spirit 3. law **Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to study the Bible and pursue a deeper relationship with God. Check out other Bible study tools at <u>biblegateway.com</u>, <u>biblestudytools.com</u> or <u>blueletterbible.org</u>.

#### **Conversation Starter**

Is there a specific promise in the Bible that means a lot to you? If so, what is it?

## **Opening in Prayer**

Thank God for His passionate and forever love. Spend a few minutes quieting your heart, asking God to guide your time in study and personal reflection.

## **Personal Reflection/Group Discussion**

**Galatians** was written by the apostle Paul to several early Christian communities in the province of Galatia, which is modern-day Turkey (see <u>Acts 13-14</u>). In this letter, Paul addresses how these young Christians were being misled and missing out on the true freedom found only in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ.

#### Read Galatians 4:21-31.

- 1. Imagine being able to talk to Paul about these verses. What questions would you ask him?
- 2. This passage is full of contrasts between people, places and ways of life. What contrasts do you see in <u>vs. 21-31</u>?
- 3. How were Abraham's two sons different according to vs. 21-23?
- 4. Abraham chose to rely on his own plan to make God's promises come true (vs. 23). Describe a time you did something similar. What were the results?
- 5. Throughout Scripture God promises to accomplish that which we cannot do on our own. When have you seen God do what seems impossible in your own life, or in the lives of those around you?

- 6. How do the two sons, two covenants and two cities illustrate two radically different views we can have about salvation?
- 7. What did Paul mean by his declaration we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman (vs. 31)?
- 8. Where in the Bible can we find the stories Paul refers to? Spend some time reading those passages. How do they help you further understand what Paul is getting at in Galatians?
- 9. What's a good way to summarize <u>Galatians 4:21-31</u>? If you were to give it a title what would it be?
- 10. What truth or Bible verse from this week's teaching is most significant for you? Why?

## **Soul Training**

Spend some quiet time reflecting on <u>Revelation 21:1-4</u>. Notice what stirs in your heart as you read. What thoughts come to mind? Talk with God about what He's showing you in this passage.

#### **Memory Verse**

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## **Daily Reading**

Day 1: <u>Romans 9:1-9</u> Day 2: <u>Deuteronomy 7:6-9</u> Day 3: <u>Hebrews 12:18-24</u> Day 4: <u>Luke 19:1-10</u> Day 5: <u>Romans 4:11-17</u>

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday**

We'll continue the *Living Free* series on **Galatians** with a message titled FREEDOM. To prepare read <u>Galatians 5:1-15</u>.



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