

Galatians 4:8-30

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SERIES OVERVIEW. The undercurrent of the entire book of Galatians in one word is this: grace. It's about the real gospel versus a fake gospel. While many are caught trying to earn their way to God, he's telling us to look up. He's waiting for us to stop trying to earn his love and start learning to live from being loved.

QUESTIONS:

- In v. 8, Paul says, “Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So, now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again...” Paul seems to lay out that the only one way and that way is forward into the image of Christ. If your honest with yourself and the group, what false gods / false thinking do you tend to slide back into?
- Paul does a lot of correcting in this section but he also address them as “children” and says that he has “labor pains” (v. 19) for them. How does that speak to the way that we are to flow with other believers? What about those who are not yet believers? Who do you have labor pains for currently and how can this group help prayer and come along side of you?
- What are the two examples from the Older Testament that Paul uses here? If you were going to put his examples into your own words how would you do it? Which of Paul's examples do you tend to lean towards? Do Paul's words seem a little harsh here?

CLOSING: What did you need to hear today? How will you respond?