



GALATIANS

FIGHTING for
the GOSPEL

A Verse-by-Verse Study

Galatians 4: 10-11 (NIV)

*You are observing special days and months and seasons and years!
I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.*

Galatians 4: 12 (NIV)

I plead with you, brothers and sisters, become like me, for I became like you. You did me no wrong.

When Paul arrived in Galatia he ate what they ate, dressed like they dressed.

Paul came not to introduce them to a different culture, he came to introduce them to Jesus!



Turn to:
1 Corinthians 9: 19-22

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 (NIV)

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 (NIV)

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 (NIV)

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

1 Corinthians 9: 19-22 (NIV)

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

Galatians 4: 13 (NIV)

As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you,

Paul clearly had his plans altered. Because of an illness he stayed in Galatia.

Galatians 4: 13 (NIV)

As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you,



What do we typically do
when we don't feel well?



What does this tell us when we find ourselves struggling with health issues?



Turn to:
2 Corinthians 12: 6

2 Corinthians 12: 6 (NIV)

Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,

2 Corinthians 12: 6 (NIV)

or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

2 Corinthians 12: 6 (NIV)

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12: 6 (NIV)

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12: 6 (NIV)

*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.***

Galatians 4: 14 (NIV)

and even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.



What can we glean about Paul's illness knowing he was expecting to be scorned or treated with contempt?

Galatians 4: 15 (NIV)

Where, then, is your blessing of me now? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me.



What can we learn about Paul's illness from this?



How did they feel about Paul if they were willing to tear out their own eyes if possible?

Galatians 4: 16 (NIV)

*Have I now become your enemy by
telling you the truth?*



What changed?



Do we see this today when we tell the truth?



OUT POLITICS AND POLICY

Billy Graham leaves painful legacy for LGBTQ people

While some are celebrating the late Billy Graham's legacy, many in the LGBTQ community are grappling with the ramifications of his actions.



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By **John Paul Brammer**

Evangelicals across the country are mourning the death of Billy Graham, an influential preacher who died in his home in Montreat, North Carolina, on Wednesday. But while some are celebrating his legacy, others are grappling with the lasting damage his actions have done to their communities.

ENEMIES OF EQUALITY:

The interconnected & well-funded anti-LGBT agenda

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What is Drag Story Hour?

It's just what it sounds like! Storytellers using the art of drag to read books to kids in libraries, schools, and bookstores.

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In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where everyone can be their authentic selves!

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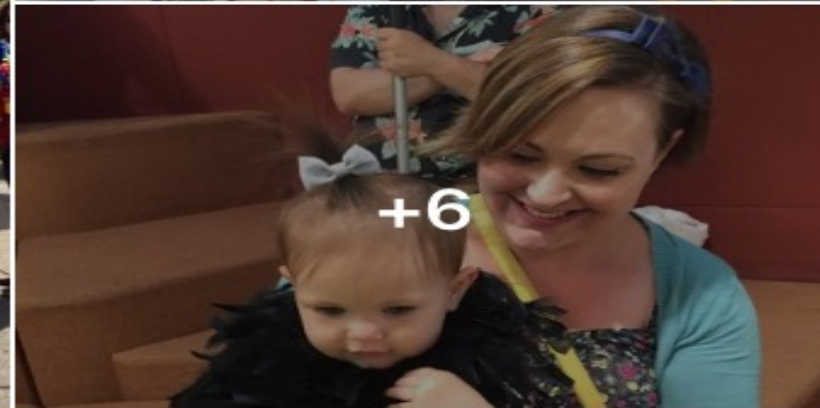


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Drag Queen Storytime was awesome and we're so EXCITED to be participating again in the Indy Pride Parade and Festival. Come and see us tomorrow!



Drag Queens at Pendleton Pride

Oct. 1 @
Falls Park



Pendleton Pride Drag Queens



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Performer

PENDLETON PRIDE @ OCT. 1 AT FALLS PARK

Kirk Cameron is denied story-hour slot by public libraries for his new faith-based kids book

Actor-writer has not gotten a single 'yes' from the 50-plus public libraries his publisher has contacted so far — 'messaging does not align,' he was told



By Maureen Mackey | Fox News



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KIRK CAMERON ON FINDING FAITH IN TIMES OF TURMOIL

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THE BATTLE FOR
KIDS' MINDS IS
WON AT HOME.

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'The Elf on the Shelf': Is an elf making an appearance in your house this holiday season?

• Quiz! Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular: How much do you know about the iconic show?

Plans For New Chick-Fil-A Cause Controversy At University Of Notre Dame

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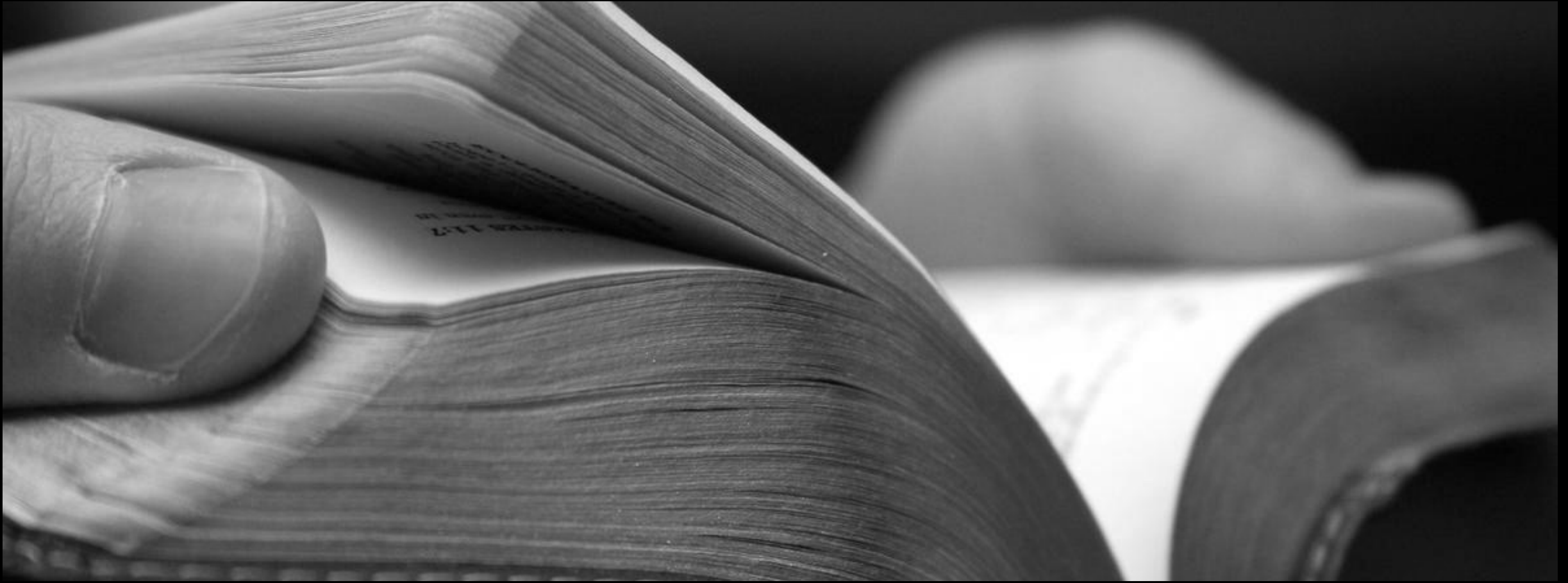
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A plan to bring fast food chicken chain Chick-fil-A to the University of Notre Dame's campus in northern Indiana is causing controversy among students, faculty and lawmakers.

On July 1, students Tilly Keeven-Glascock and Joey Jegier wrote a [letter to the editor](#) of the student newspaper opposing the private Catholic university's decision to [consider](#) bringing Chick-fil-A to campus. Among other issues, the undergrads raise concern with the Georgia-based company's support of anti-LGBTQ causes.



Why does speaking the truth cause someone to consider you an enemy?



Turn to:
Matthew 10: 16-29

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10: 16-39 (NIV)

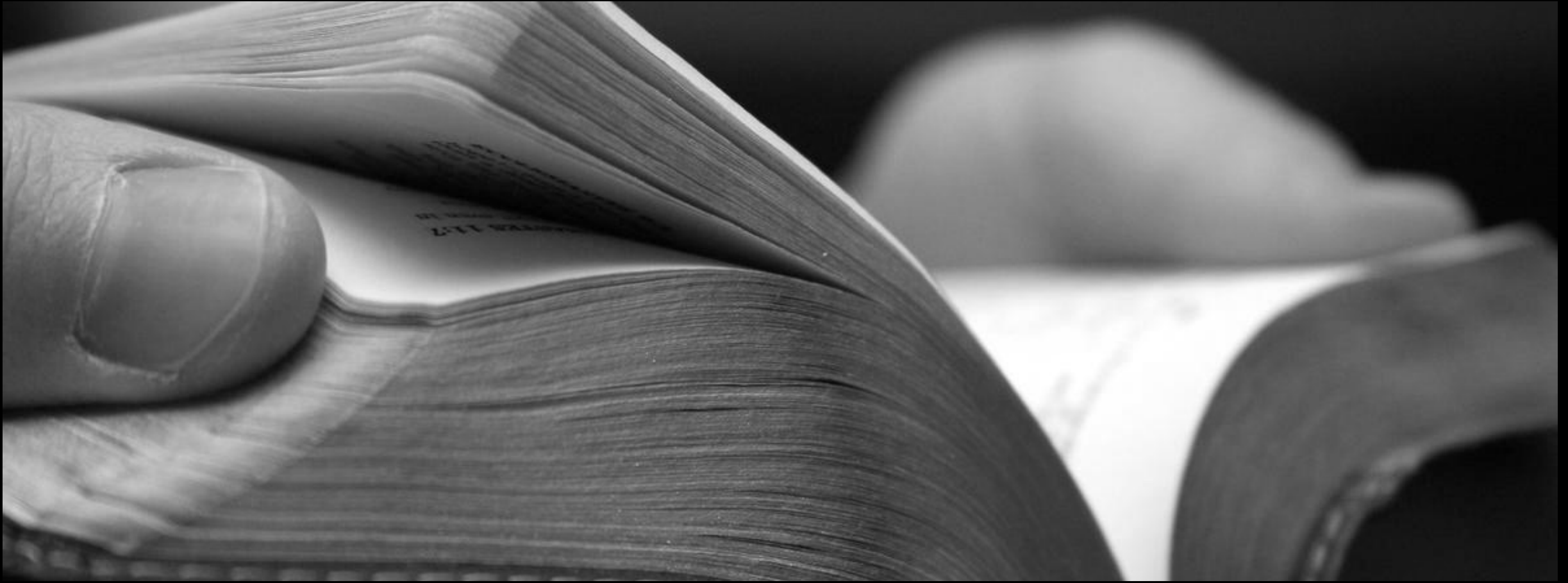
Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

Galatians 4: 16 (NIV)

*Have I now become your enemy by
telling you the truth?*



What do people typically do if they don't want to hear the truth?



Turn to:
2 Timothy 4: 3

2 Timothy 4: 3 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

Galatians 4: 17 (NIV)

Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them.

Galatians 4: 18 (NIV)

It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.



What is Paul addressing here?

Galatians 4: 18 (NIV)

It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.

Galatians 4: 19 (NIV)

My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,

Galatians 4: 20 (NIV)

*how I wish I could be with you now
and change my tone, because I am
perplexed about you!*



What is Paul perplexed about?

Galatians 4: 21 (NIV)

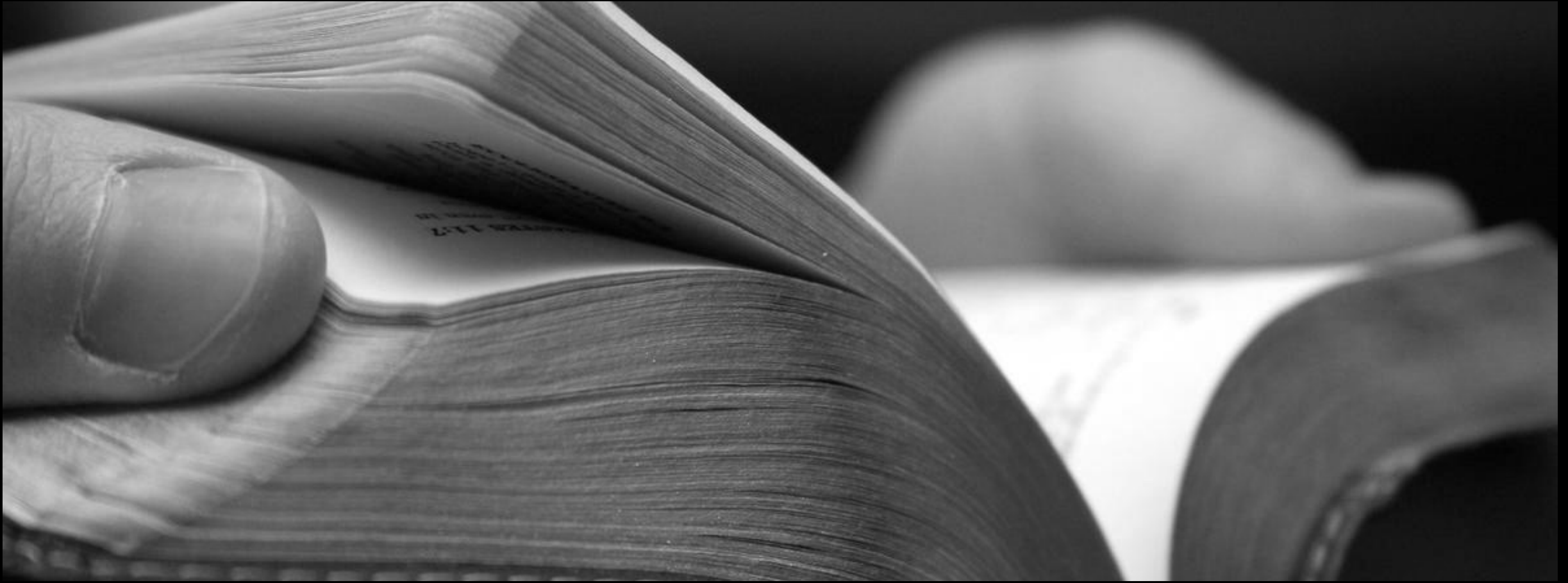
Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?



Turn to:
Romans 15: 4

Romans 15: 4 (NIV)

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.



Turn to:
1 Corinthians 10: 11

1 Corinthians 10: 11 (NIV)

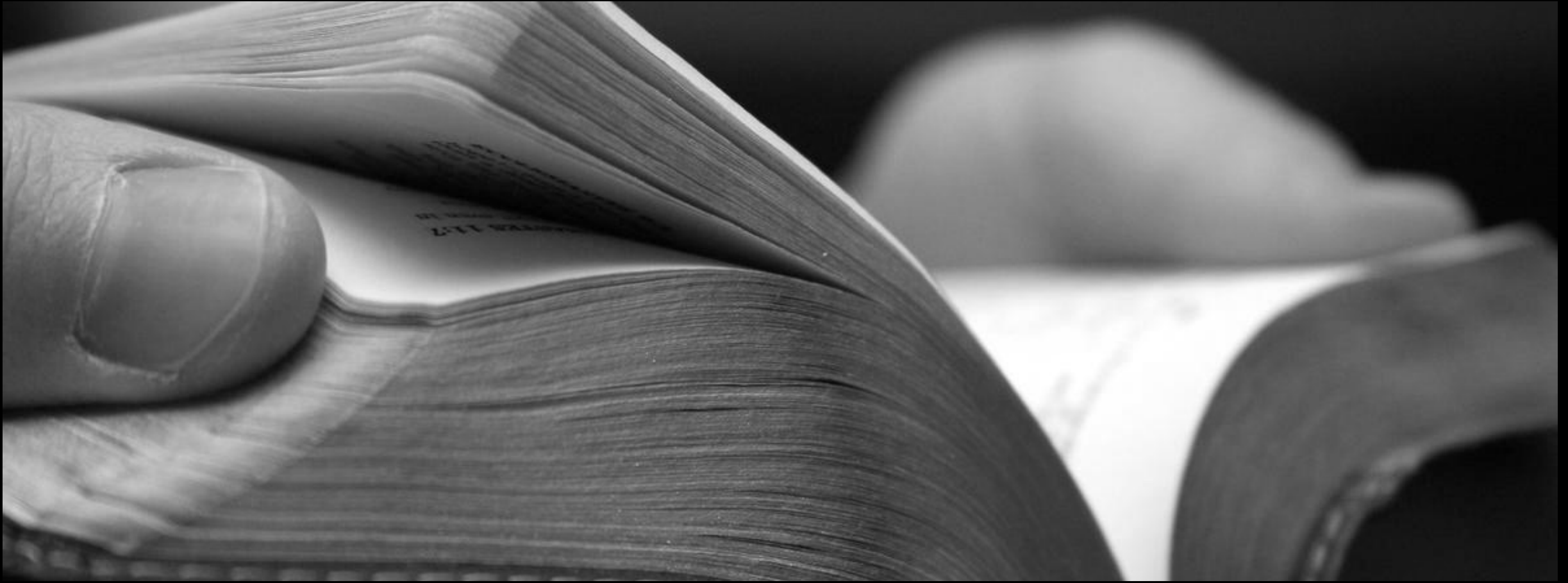
These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.

Galatians 4: 22 (NIV)

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

Galatians 4: 23 (NIV)

His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.



Turn to:
Genesis 15: 4-6

Genesis 15: 4-6 (NIV)

Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”

Genesis 15: 4-6 (NIV)

He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.



Turn to:
Genesis 16: 1-12, 15-16

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress.

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

Then Sarai said to Abram, “You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me.”

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

“Your slave is in your hands,” Abram said. “Do with her whatever you think best.” Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

And he said, “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?” “I’m running away from my mistress Sarai,” she answered.

Then the angel of the Lord told her, “Go back to your mistress and submit to her.”

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

The angel added, “I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.” The angel of the Lord also said to her: “You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

Genesis 16: 1-12 (NIV)

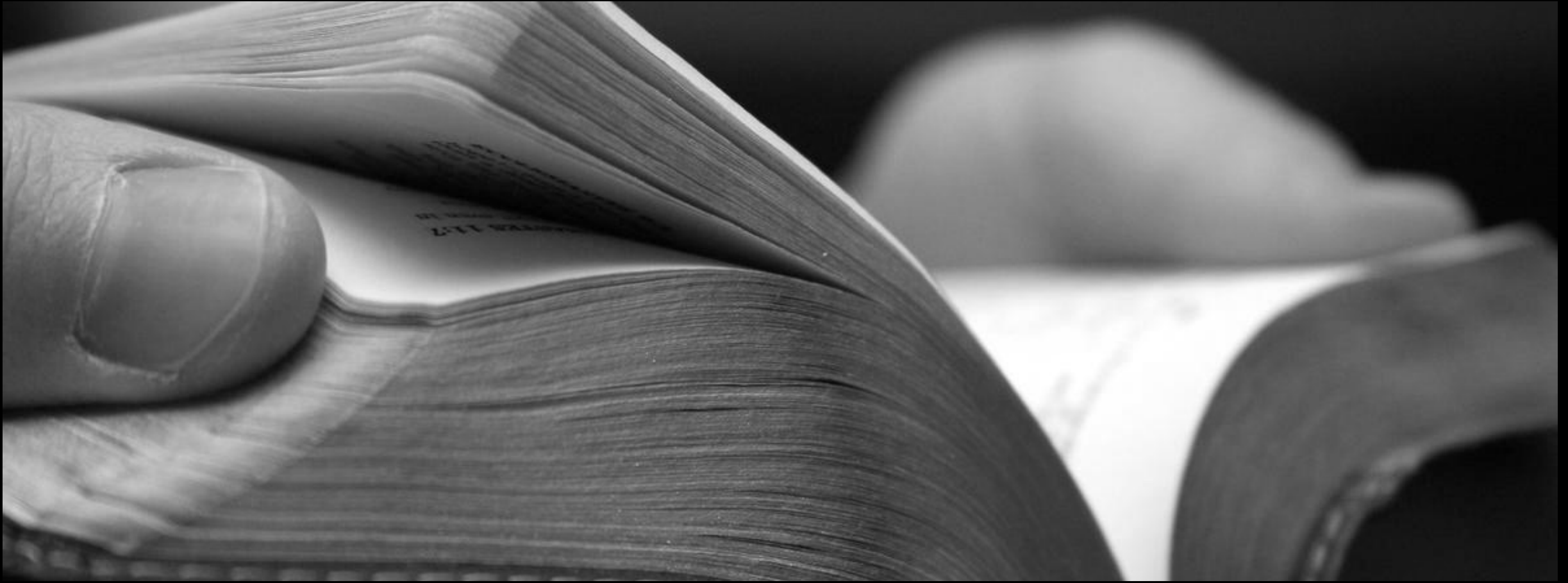
*He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and **he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.**"*

From Ishmael came the
Arabs

From Isaac came the
Jews

Genesis 16: 15-16 (NIV)

So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.



Turn to:
Genesis 21: 1-3

Genesis 21: 1-3 (NIV)

*Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, **at the very time God had promised him.** Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him.*



Do you ever notice how we can mess things up if we try to do it on our own?



Turn to:
James 4: 13-16

James 4: 13-16 (NIV)

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.”

James 4: 13-16 (NIV)

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4: 13-16 (NIV)

Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

Galatians 4: 24 (NIV)

These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.

Galatians 4: 25 (NIV)

Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

Ishmael is a symbol of the Law and the flesh we are born into, a life as slaves in bondage to sin constantly making sacrifices to atone for our sins.

Galatians 4: 26 (NIV)

But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother



Turn to:
2 Corinthians 3: 14-17

2 Corinthians 3: 14-17 (NIV)

But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

2 Corinthians 3: 14-17 (NIV)

Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Galatians 4: 26 (NIV)

*But the Jerusalem that is above is
free, and she is our mother*



Turn to:
John 3: 3

John 3: 3 (NIV)

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

Born Again

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From above

From heaven

Again

Anew

John 3: 3 (NRSV)

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Galatians 4: 26 (NIV)

*But the Jerusalem that is above is
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Galatians 4: 27 (NIV)

For it is written: “Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”



Turn to:
Matthew 7: 13-15

Matthew 7: 13-15 (NIV)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

Matthew 7: 13-15 (NIV)

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7: 13-15 (NIV)

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

Galatians 4: 27 (NIV)

For it is written: “Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”

Galatians 4: 28 (NIV)

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.



Who is Paul speaking to here?

Galatians 4: 28 (NIV)

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.

Galatians 4: 29 (NIV)

At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.



Who is Paul talking about?

Galatians 4: 29 (NIV)

At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

Galatians 4: 30 (NIV)

But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”

Galatians 4: 31 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.