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HAVE YOU LOST SOMETHING?

Pastor Roger Poupart // Galatians 4:8-20

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

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8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles, to which you want to be enslaved all over again? 10 You meticulously observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

12 I beg of you, brothers and sisters, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong; 13 but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; 14 and you did not despise that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition, nor express contempt, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself. 15 Where then is that sense of blessing you had? For I testify about you that, if possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. 16 So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They eagerly seek you, not in a commendable way, but they want to shut you out so that you will seek them. 18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable way, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you— 20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone of voice, for I am at a loss about you!



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- How would you describe your typical, day-to-day thoughts and feelings in this season of life?
- What are common religious traditions or rituals you've experienced or witnessed?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01.** Paul questioned the Galatians and wondered how they could return to the things that previously enslaved them before they came to faith in Christ. Paul expressed fear that he had labored in vain in light of this. He commented on their observations of traditional and religious days (v. 8-11).
- How did Paul expect the knowledge of God to change the Galatian's behavior? In other words, what did he expect them not to do any longer?

GROW IN THE WORD

- What did Paul mean when he said that the Galatians were turning back to "elemental things" in verse 9? Consider the context of the book as a whole and also see Colossians 3:16-23.

- What old habits, traditions, or rituals do you tend to return to, even if they don't reflect your new identity in Christ?

02. Paul earnestly pleaded for the Galatians to return to their former relationship with him and commitment to the true gospel. He reminded them of how they once embraced him despite a severe illness, and he expressed sincere concern for their wellbeing (v. 8-20).

- What do you learn about Paul's relationship with the Galatians based on his personal and vulnerable appeal to them?

GROW IN THE WORD

- How would you describe what it means for Christ to be "formed in you"? See also Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13-15; 1 John 2:6.

- How do you want your thoughts, feelings, actions, and attitude to change in light of this passage?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S CONNECTION BREAKFAST

November 16 | 8 am | Hebrew's Cafe | \$7

Men, bring a friend and join us for breakfast and coffee as we connect with others, learn about what's new in the ministry, and cultivate our relationship with God! Register online before November 13 to save your spot!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

November 8 - 9 | Locations & Times Vary

Ladies you are invited to come build community with other Wayside women this fall. Gather in a hostess's home, meet at a restaurant, or join a walking group at a park—each setting is designed to foster community among the women of Wayside. Spaces are limited - register today!