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We Are Children of Freedom – Gal. 4:12-31

1. Paul Aimed at the Heart to help to convince the Galatians.

Gal. 4:12-16 – Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all. ¹³ You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. ¹⁴ And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

Paul aimed at “Family-like” shared Memories that they had together → to convince folks, touch the heart, as well.

We Are Children of Freedom – Gal. 4:12-31

1. Paul Aimed at the Heart to help to convince the Galatians.

Gal. 4:17-20 – They zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them. ¹⁸ But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹ My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

Paul used his “Family-like” shared RELATIONSHIP to WARN them about the “behind the scenes” AGENDA that those peddling False Doctrine, really have. In this case – Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists (HRML)

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2. Paul Reminded them of their Bondage to the Mosaic Law.

Gal. 4:21-22 – Tell me, you who DESIRE to be UNDER THE LAW, do you not hear the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

Paul used his “Family-like” shared RELATIONSHIP to REMIND them about the Judaizers / Hebrew Roots Movement Legalists – that “false teaching” that that many of the Galatians had become infected with. Why Remind them? Why rub Salt in the wounds? → Only when we Confront our Bondage to any type of sin, will we humble ourselves and repent. Christ’s Truth Sets Us Free

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3. Two Covenants, Two Mothers, Two Jerusalems.

Gal. 4:21-26 – Tell me, you who DESIRE to be UNDER THE LAW, do you not hear the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— ²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— ²⁶ but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

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- Ishmael was Born into Bondage (symbolically) of the Flesh.**
- Isaac was Born into Freedom (symbolically) of the Promise.**

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- Hagar/Ishmael represents the Old Mosaic Covenant of Israel.
and Jerusalem in bondage – when Paul was writing this
- Sarah/Isaac represents the NEW Covenant of Messiah/Christ.

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Why does Paul say that Jerusalem was in bondage?

After the New Covenant Came in (see Acts 2) – after that, if folks were still holding on to the OLD Covenant → Bondage to it.

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Gal. 4:27 – (quoting Isaiah 54)

**For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear!
Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the
desolate has many more children than she who has a
husband.”**

**Why does Paul Quote this? It was considered relating to
Jerusalem after her Babylonian captivity. But Paul gives us the
real meaning of Isaiah 54. It relates to the Messianic Kingdom
with the Capital – the Heavenly Jerusalem – the Jerusalem from
Above – Freedom in the Messiah ... New Covenant ... She seemed
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Isaiah 54 relates to the Messianic Kingdom with the Capital – the Heavenly Jerusalem – the Jerusalem from Above – Freedom in the Messiah ... New Covenant ... She seemed to not exist and was barren ... but Now she is Full of children → this New Jerusalem did not labor – the children are All Born of God – in the Messiah! They are not Born of Slavery to the Law of Moses (by self-effort)

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4. BORN FREE based upon the PROMISE, like Isaac.

Gal. 4:28-31 – Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of PROMISE. ²⁹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was BORN according to the Spirit, even so it is now. ³⁰ Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” ³¹ So then, brethren, we are NOT children of the bondwoman BUT of the FREE.

We are not Born of Slavery to the Law of Moses

(religious self-effort)

**But BORN of the FREE-WOMAN – Freedom in Christ, in the Spirit
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We are supposed to / we are obligated to CAST OUT the

BONDWOMAN – that False Teaching of the Judaizers (HRML)

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according to His Word, in the Power of His Spirit. Not free to do
“anything” we want or believe “anything” we want.**

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from the National Old Covenant Law of Israel thru Moses.**