FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Reflection Questions

November 8, 2026

Two Covenants, One Throne

Galatians 4:21-5:1

We explore Paul's allegorical use of the story of Hagar and Sarah from Genesis to illustrate the difference between two covenants - the covenant of works and the covenant of grace.

Reflection Questions:

1. Paul argues that the Galatians were so eager to follow the law that they were not actually listening to what the law was telling them -- in what ways might Christians today be similarly busy with religious activity while missing the deeper message Scripture is communicating?

2. Abraham and Sarah took matters into their own hands by producing Ishmael rather than waiting on God's promise, and the consequences of that decision still ripple through history -- can you identify a time in your own life when confidence in the flesh rather than trust in God produced lasting and unintended consequences?

3. We saw a parallel between Adam listening to Eve against God's command and Abram listening to Sarai against God's promise -- what does this repeated pattern reveal about the nature of human temptation and our tendency to rationalize disobedience as practical wisdom?

4. Paul makes the provocative claim that the Jews who prided themselves on physical descent from Abraham were actually the ones in bondage, while Gentile believers were the true heirs of the promise -- how does this reversal challenge our tendency to define spiritual identity by outward markers rather than inward transformation?

5. We see a distinction between the covenant of works, which is conditional on human performance, and the covenant of grace, which rests entirely on God's faithfulness -- how does understanding this distinction change the way you approach your daily relationship with God?

6. John Bunyan chose twelve years of imprisonment over silence, saying he would preach the gospel again the very next day if released -- what does his example reveal about what it truly means to stand firm in the freedom Christ has given us, and what would that kind of courage look like in your own context?

7. What covenant are you currently living under? How do you know?