

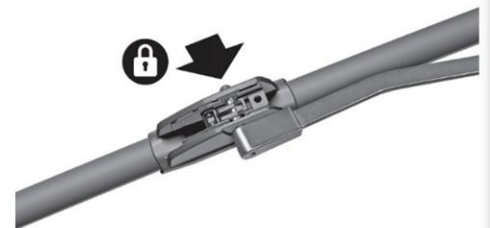
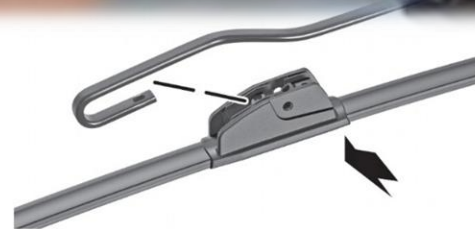
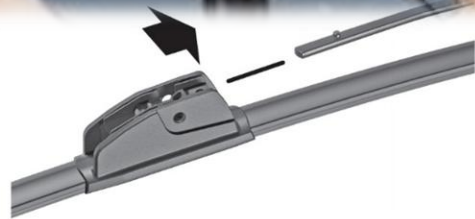
# GALATIANS

*Jesus + nothing*

Galatians 4.21-31 “Grace to the Barren”









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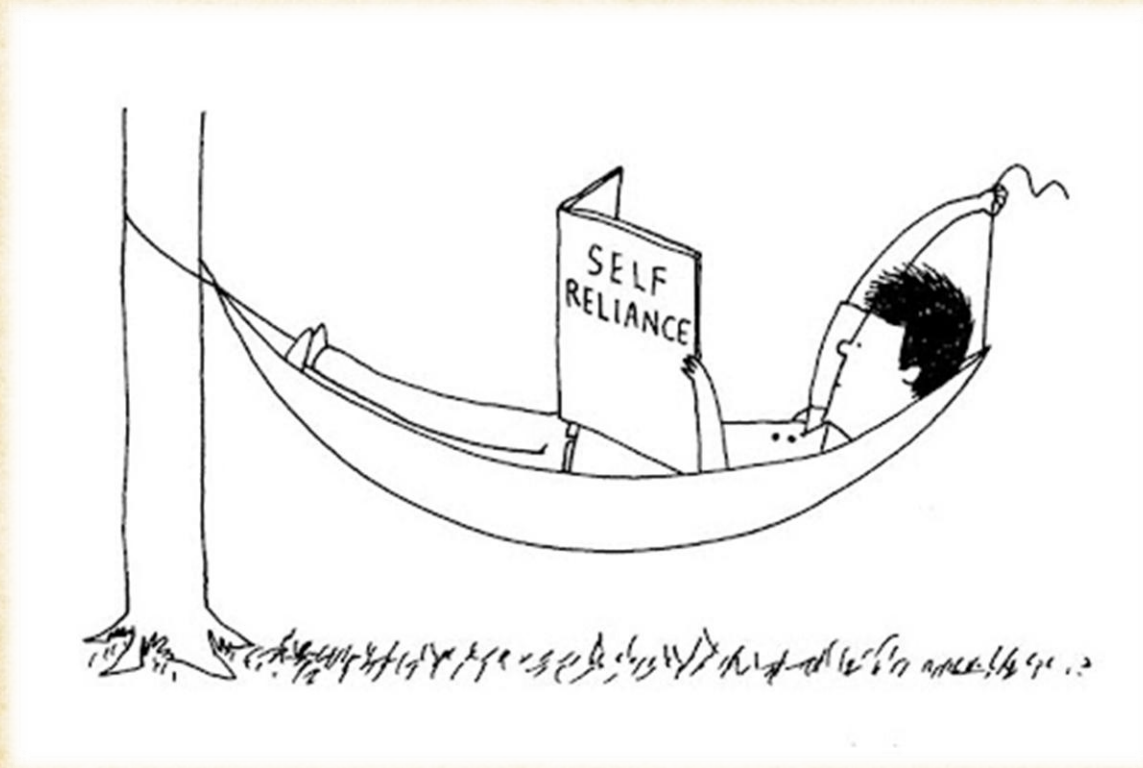




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How is self-reliance  
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