



Verse References

Galatians 3:14
Galatians 3:23–29
Galatians 4:1–7
Galatians 4:8
Galatians 4:11
Galatians 4:16
Galatians 4:21–31
Galatians 5:1
Genesis 15

Genesis 21
Genesis 22:2
Exodus 20:18–19
Exodus 21:1–10
Luke 15:12
Romans 8:17
Isaiah 2:2
Galatians 1:9

Sermon Title: My Two Sons

Series: No Ordinary Family – Week 5

1. From the Stars to the Spirit

- Recap: Abraham's covenant—descendants like the stars (Genesis 15)
 - Abraham believed, but didn't fully see the inheritance
 - Galatians 3:24 – The law was our **guardian** until Christ came
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2. A Family Rewritten by Faith

- Galatians 3:28–29: No more division—**all are one in Christ**
 - True children of Abraham are those who belong to Christ
 - Paul challenges the **Judaizers**: salvation isn't inherited by tradition, but received by faith
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3. Guardianship vs. Inheritance

- Galatians 4:1–3 – Like heirs under age, we were under guardians
 - A slave and a minor heir both **lack freedom**
 - Sin and the law ruled us until Christ came
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4. The World's Way vs. God's Way

- Example: Operation Barbarossa and the Holocaust—man's solution is **control and destruction**
 - God's solution is **transformation and adoption**
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5. Freedom Through Adoption

- Galatians 4:4–7 – God sent His Son to **buy our freedom**
- We're no longer slaves but **adopted children and heirs**
- "Abba, Father" = Intimacy and identity
- Romans 8:17 – Joint heirs with Christ

- C.S. Lewis: “The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.”
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6. Two Sons, Two Covenants

- Galatians 4:21–31 – Paul contrasts **Ishmael (slave)** and **Isaac (free)**
 - One born of human effort, the other of divine promise
 - The law (Mount Sinai) leads to slavery; grace (Jerusalem above) leads to freedom
 - Genesis 21:10 – “Get rid of the slave woman and her son...”
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7. The Parable Parallel

- Luke 15 – The Prodigal Son
 - Younger brother: misused freedom
 - Older brother: remained in the house, yet saw himself as a **slave**
 - Both sons needed a **revelation of the Father’s heart**
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8. The “Feedback Sandwich” (Paul’s style)

- **Affirmation:** “Now that you know God...” (Gal. 4:8–9)
 - **Concern:** “I fear I have labored in vain” (Gal. 4:11)
 - **Encouragement:** “Live in freedom like you did before...” (Gal. 4:12–15)
 - **Challenge:** “Have I become your enemy for telling the truth?” (Gal. 4:16)
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9. Call to Action

- Galatians 3:14 – The promise of the Spirit is **by faith**, not works
- Galatians 5:1 – “It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free...”