

WORSHIP NOTES

8-31-25 - Free At Last, Free At Last - Galatians 4:21-5:1

~ Jesus + Nothing - Galatians Summer Series

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 37:3 NIV “Son of man, can these bones live?” ...

Isaiah 61:3 NIV 3 ... to [give the people] a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair....

MESSAGE

These 2 women & their sons represent to very different covenants

OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
HAGAR	SARAH
ISHMAEL	ISAAC
EARTHLY JERUSALEM	HEAVENLY JERUSALEM
MAN’S EFFORT	GOD’S EFFORT
SLAVERY	FREEDOM

Galatians 4:21–5:1 NIV

21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman.

23 His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

24 These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar.

25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.

26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.

27 For it is written: “Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”

28 Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.

29 At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

30 But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”

31 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Revelation 21:1–2 NIV 21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any

sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

1. Will you trust your effort, or God's plan for your freedom?

Genesis 22:2 NIV 2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Genesis 21:12–13 NIV 12 But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. 13 I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

2. Our mistakes don't cancel God's mission.

3. Expel what enslaves you.

Hebrews 12:1–2 NIV ...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

4. Stand boldly in Christ's freedom.

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