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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

July 24, 2022

Message Title: From Slaves to Sons

Scripture: Galatians 4:21-31 [ESV]

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband."

28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

Points of Consideration:

- Paul Turns the Judiazers' Weapon Against Them (vs.21-23)
- Paul Reorients the Galatian's Understanding of the God's Law (vs. 24-27)
- Paul Reminds the Galatians of their Sonship (vs. 28-31)

Discussion Questions:

In verse 21, Paul comments that some Galatians desire to be under the law. This may sound odd to us at first. However, are there times in our lives when we prefer to be under the law than grace? Is there safety and comfort in the law? Are there greater goods that are forfeited by living under the law?

In chapter three, Paul refers to the law as our tutor. In what way is the law our tutor? What is the purpose of the law? What are we to learn and/or become through the tutelage of the law? Consider Romans 10:4. Can we fulfill the law's purpose or "end"?

In Christ, we are adopted as children of promise (Sarah) and not of the flesh (Hagar). We are freed from the burdens of the law as a means to earn righteousness. Consider Galatians 5:1. What role do good works play in our freedom in Christ?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

You Turn Ministries

- PRAISE NOTE: Over a month ago, new believers from the Mitundu area of Malawi came together for a baptismal service...300 people were baptized!
- You Turn's Malawi staff are preparing for 8 mission teams over the summer. Pray for the Lord to go before them to do a great work in the lives of lost villagers who have yet to hear the Gospel, to be with the team members as they faithfully share, to bless the new churches that will be planted, and to bring about an eternal impact on US church partners as they serve alongside You Turn.
- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer league as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years. A school in Chipata, Zambia is hosting their first graduation June 1st with a class of 38 students!
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn supports as they finish their last few weeks of school for the year and take very important exams. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!
- You Turn is in the process of harvesting soy beans and peanuts at their farm. Pray for a great harvest and subsequent sale to provide resources to feed more orphans.

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - o We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion! Be in prayer for a planter to be raised up and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!- The Weymouth Parish of Life Community Church officially launched Easter Sunday! We praise God to see the plan for this parish come to fruition after this year-long launch process
- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!
- **Mobilize 2022- Fusion is planning a mission trip to Weymouth the week of July 18th-24th. In the meantime, encourage prayer over the trip: for safety, gospel conversations, or opportunities to further the work of LCC in the Boston area!**

Source of Light Ministries

- SOL started a new branch in Costa Rica. The team in Costa Rica will distribute discipleship courses throughout the country and seek ways to share the Gospel with lost people.
- Four missionaries with SOL went through a support-raising course and are actively raising support. Those missionaries are Brian Thigpen, Bruce Dare, Johnathan Wideman, and Ben Doomy. Pray that God would supply the needed funds for their ministries.
- Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!
- SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.
- New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5 county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Pray for FCA camps coming up this summer, and talk to Jason or Traci if you're interested in serving, giving, or signing up!

Timothy Initiative

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, train native pastors to plant these churches, and instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples
- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition
- In particular, pray for the East Africa region of TTI's international ministry. Jake had the opportunity to see firsthand the work that God is doing in Turkana, Kenya, a semi-arid region with widespread poverty and very little access to clean drinking water. In spite of all the obstacles they have faced- through God's grace- Turkana has seen hundreds of microchurches planted and over 19,000 believers come to faith in Christ. Pray for their continued discipleship and for the continued evangelization of nearly a million people in the county.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Also consider planning times of fellowship this summer that you can enjoy with your tribe!