



FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

July 17, 2022

Message Title: From Slaves to Sons

Scripture: Galatians 4:8-20 [ESV]

8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years! 11 I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. 16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Points of Consideration:

- The Galatians Error (vs. 8-11)
- Paul's Plea (v. 12)
- The Galatians Heart toward Paul (vs. 13-16)
- Paul's Heart toward the Galatians (vs. 17-20)

Discussion Questions:

In passing, Paul notes that the Galatian's salvation is a worldview issue (vs. 8-11). Salvation not only changes one's status with God, but it should also change the way we understand and interpret the world around us. How has being a Christ disciple changed your view of the world?

Paul instructs the Galatians to "become as I am" in that he is free from the law. It was important to Paul that the Galatians looked to him as an example faithful Christian living. As a disciple of Christ, are you also being disciplined by a more mature believer?

Life in a community can be messy. It often is. Paul did not allow the messiness of the church in Galatia to hinder his love and compassion for its people. Reflect this week on how the messiness of relationships has hindered your relationship with a brother or sister in Christ. How does the freedom from the law and the freedom in Christ allow us to relate to others we have a conflict with? How can we seek reconciliation?

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.
- **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.

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