

GALATIANS 4:15-20
“What Happened?”



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BIBLE STUDY

Text in Questions

REVIEW & OVERVIEW OF PARAGRAPH

Review of Galatians 4:8-12

Part 1 : V8-11

Knowing God now, back to slavery again?!

Part 2 : V11ff

Personal Plea. "I beg you!"

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Overview : Personal Plea review their relationship. Paul expresses his heart's intent for the church.

Part 1: v12b – 16 : A blessed relationship.

Part 2: v17-18 : Their Manipulation

Part 3: v19-20 : Paul's intent.

PART 1 : 4:12b – 16

PART 1

A blessed relationship turned sour?

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How good was their
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What can we infer
from Paul's questions?

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- 1. NIV – Blessing you had toward me?**
- 2. ESV/KJV - Blessedness you had? (Joy, Happiness)**

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**Point : Proclaim gospel
truth in love even if...**

PART 2 : 4:17-18

2 Corinthians 12:14–15 (NASB95)

Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you; for children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. 15 I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less?

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& tactics?

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PART 3 : 4:19-20

¹⁹ **My children,**
 with whom I am again in labor
 until Christ is formed in you—

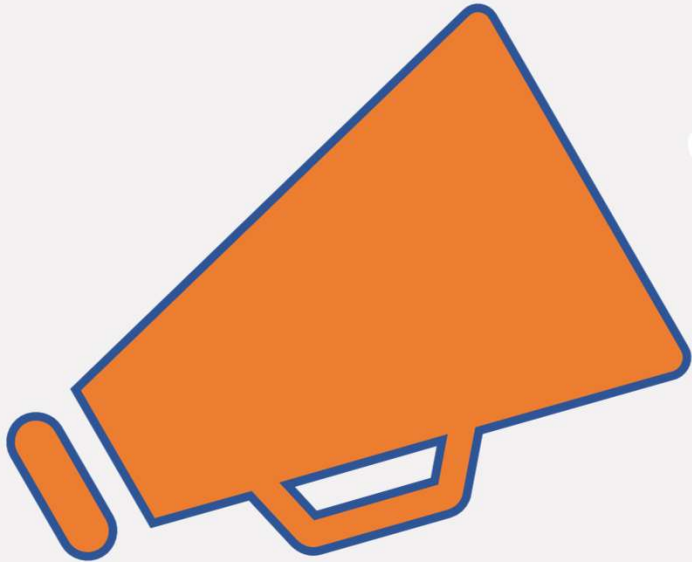
²⁰ **but** I could wish to be present with you now
 and to change my tone,
for I am perplexed about you.

What do you observe
about Paul's intent
toward the church?

A spiritual father, pleading and begging

1 Corinthians 4:14–16

I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cleaning &
Maintenance Day**

**Saturday, 3/9
9AM**

**Refreshments &
coffee provided**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1. Fri 2/23 - Sun 2/25 BAM Retreat**
- 2. Fri 3/1 All Church Praise and Prayer**
- 3. Sun 3/3 to Sun 4/14 OT Survey**
- 4. Mon 3/25-Sun 3/31 Passion Week and Easter Events**

- 1. Have you ever been really hurt by another church member or leader? Knowing the risk is there, how can we guard our hearts against being jaded or unwilling to love again?**
- 2. Have you ever feared withheld saying the truth because you feared becoming an enemy with the person you cared about? How can you improve your “speaking truth in love?”**
- 3. To what degree are modern day Christians susceptible to manipulative tactics? Are you gullible or easily manipulated in any way? Is your FOMO very strong?**
- 4. If you’ve been stubbornly not listening to good counsel or being very defensive, please take some time to confess it and repent.**

Discussion Questions