

WRITE IT DOWN!

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LISTEN UP!

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I. A Pastor's _____

1. He _____ the _____. (4:13)

2. He _____ the _____. (4:16)

3. He _____. (4:12)

4. He _____. (4:17)

II. A Pastor's _____

1. Something physical. (4:13)

2. Something unsightly. (4:14)

3. The occasion for providential detour. (4:13)

III. A Pastor's _____

1. He was _____. (3:12)

2. He was _____. (3:19)

3. He was _____.

IV. A Pastor's _____

1. Not to be _____.

2. Not to be _____.

3. Not to be _____.

4. But to see _____ (4:19)

THINK IT OVER

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1. Read Galatians 4:12-20. Describe the tone and feel of this text in comparison to what we've been seeing in Galatians. How do we explain this change in tone?
2. What does Paul mean when he says in 4:12 "become as I am, for I have become as you are"? Think back on Paul's story. . . from where has he come as a result of "Getting Grace"? Think of the direction that the Galatians are heading. (Look also at 1 Corinthians 11:1)
3. What was probably Paul's physical condition that he mentions in 3:13 and 14? What in the text leads us in that direction? Why does he mention that the Galatians didn't despise and loathe him? How did folks of the 1st Century view physical infirmities?
4. Try and explain what is going on in 4:17 in your own words.
5. What does Paul desire for the Galatians and what image does he use to describe that desire?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in the text/message this week and why?
2. Does this text give you a window into Paul's heart that you might not have seen before? Does this text change or expand your view of him in any way? If so, how did you see him before? How do you see him now?
3. How does this text show Paul as weak, vulnerable and real? Explore how we want pastors who are weak, vulnerable and real, but also perfect, bigger than life and invincible and good looking. In the end, what should we look for in a pastor?
4. We've been thinking about Paul as a model for pastors, but let's think about Paul as a model for all of us who seek to win others to Christ. What do we see in him that is a model for us in personal and family relationships?
5. How does Paul point us to Christ here? Describe how Christ is also all these things for us that Paul was for the Galatians?