

WRITE IT DOWN!

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LISTEN UP!

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I. The Question . . . (4:21)

II. The History: *What happened?* (4:22)

- A. Two Sons . . .
- B. Two Mothers . . .
- C. Two Birth Means

III. The Allegory: *What truths are revealed to us?* (4:24)

- A. Two Covenants . . .
- B. Two Cities . . .
- C. Two ways of relating to God . . .

IV. The Application: *What does it have to do with us?* (4:28)

- A. Who's your mama? (4:28)
- B. Don't be surprised when _____ with religious/legalistic/moralistic people. (4:29)
- C. Watch out! Guard your _____ against the slavery of religion/legalism/moralism. (4:30)
- D. Watch out! Guard your _____ against the slavery of religion/legalism/moralism. (5:1)

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Galatians 4:21– 5:1 again. What does Paul mean by the question he asks in 4:21? How does this whole section fit in and function with the larger context?
2. Read Genesis 16, 17:15-22, 21:1-7. What is happening in these passages?
3. In Gal. 4:22-23, who are the two sons and what two things are different about them? When Paul says that Ishmael was born “according to the flesh” what does he mean? What does it mean that Isaac was born “through promise”?
4. In 4:24-27, what does Paul say that Ishmael and Isaac and their mothers symbolize? What are the two covenants? (We've talked about them before in our Galatians series.)
5. In the context of what we know is going on in these Galatian churches, what is Paul telling them in 4:29? What is he telling them to do in 4:30 with the use of that Genesis quote?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. Any take-aways for you from the story of Abraham's dysfunctional family?
2. A lot of history. . . a bunch of allegory. . . What is Paul talking about here? And what in the world does this passage have to do with us?
3. Using this passage, try and make yourself a two category contrasting chart like the one we looked at together in the service that visualizes what Paul is telling us here.
4. Paul is making an awfully big deal about the slavery of religion. Why, do you think? Is it really that big of a deal? Do you remember how relativism is similar to religion? Can you draw our “three ways to live” circle diagram yet?
5. Do you think it's necessary to guard our church against religion/legalism/moralism? How do we do that?
6. How do we guard our hearts against religion/legalism/moralism? (Think about last week and our time at the Table!)