



Galatians | Week 3
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BIG IDEA | When we choose the POSSIBLE, we miss the IMPOSSIBLE.

Galatians 4:21-31 (NLT)

²¹ Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? ²² The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. ²³ The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise.

²⁴ These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. ²⁵ And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law. ²⁶ But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. ²⁷ As Isaiah said,

“Rejoice, O childless woman,
you who have never given birth!
Break into a joyful shout,
you who have never been in labor!
For the desolate woman now has more children
than the woman who lives with her husband!”

²⁸ And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. ²⁹ But you are now being persecuted by those who

want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit.
³⁰ But what do the Scriptures say about that? “Get rid of the slave and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman’s son.” ³¹ So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman.

ISHMAEL = SLAVERY
ISAAC = FREEDOM

WE WILL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE *OUR* VERSION OF HIS WILL.

Psalm 114:1-8 (NLT)

- ¹ When the Israelites escaped from Egypt—
when the family of Jacob left that foreign land—
² the land of Judah became God’s sanctuary,
and Israel became his kingdom.
³ The Red Sea saw them coming and hurried out of their way!
The water of the Jordan River turned away.
⁴ The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs!
⁵ What’s wrong, Red Sea, that made you hurry out of their way?
What happened, Jordan River, that you turned away?
⁶ Why, mountains, did you skip like rams?
Why, hills, like lambs?
⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.
⁸ He turned the rock into a pool of water;
yes, a spring of water flowed from solid rock.

Genesis 17:18-19

¹⁸ So Abraham said to God, “May Ishmael live under your special blessing!” ¹⁹ But God replied, “No—Sarah, your wife, will give birth to a son for you. You will name him Isaac, and I will confirm my covenant with him and his descendants as an everlasting covenant.

Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

¹ So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." - *C.S. Lewis*