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# Why Live as Slaves Again?

**GALATIANS 4:8–11**

**STUDY GUIDE**

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## WELCOME:

### Fixing Our Focus

#### **Suggested icebreaker:**

Ask GG members to share an experience where they felt liberated. What was their situation before, and what brought about the change? Use this to segue into the lesson where Paul showed the difference between freedom in Christ and slavery to religious practices.

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## WORSHIP:

### Adoring Our God

#### **Suggested song:**

[Set Free](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

1. GG members will treasure their relationship with God.
2. GG members will not revert to trying to earn God's favor because God freely offers it by grace.

### INTRODUCTION

Paul explained that the Galatians should grow in spiritual maturity. Being trapped in religious practices and traditions is like being enslaved. However, to be adopted into God's family as an adult child is equivalent to being heirs enjoying God's inheritance.

### Paul was appalled that the Galatians were reverting to spiritual slavery (vv. 8-11)

Now that the Galatian believers were adopted into God's family, they were freed from spiritual slavery and were enjoying their relationship with God. However, they were misled into reverting to slavery to religious practices and traditions.

1. How did Paul describe the situation of the Galatian believers before they knew God?
2. What changed when they came to know God? What is the significance of Paul stating that they know God and God knows them?
3. What were the Galatian believers trying to do after coming into a relationship with God? What example did Paul use to describe their behavior?
4. How can you differentiate between being enslaved by religious practices and freely celebrating them?
5. What was Paul's concern regarding his ministry to the Galatians?

### APPLICATION

By reverting to trying to earn God's favor, the Galatian believers forgot the precious gift God had given them - they already had God's favor! In what ways do you also forget this important truth? How can you keep yourself from being like the Galatians?

### PRAYER ITEM

Father God, thank You for adopting us into Your family. We acknowledge that this is purely out of Your grace and we are not deserving of it. May we experience growing closer in our fellowship with You. Protect us from Satan's lies that make us think we still need to earn Your favor. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. ■

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