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Today's Scripture Passage: Galatians 4:21-5:1

21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. 23 His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. 24 These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." 28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." 31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Questions:

1. Who were the two sons born to Abraham? (v.22)
2. What is meant by the fact that one was born ordinarily and the other as a result of a promise? (v 23)
3. What are the two covenants represented by these sons?
4. Why was it necessary for Abraham to get rid of the slave woman and her son?
5. What does all this have to do with our freedom?

Prayer:

1. For Pastor Joe to finish well at Calvary Baptist in Parkersburg, Iowa.
2. Praise that Pastor Joe has found a home in Holliston.
3. That our leadership and church will be prepared to receive the new pastor and his family.