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Freedom To Live For Christ Galatians 4:1-7 By Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

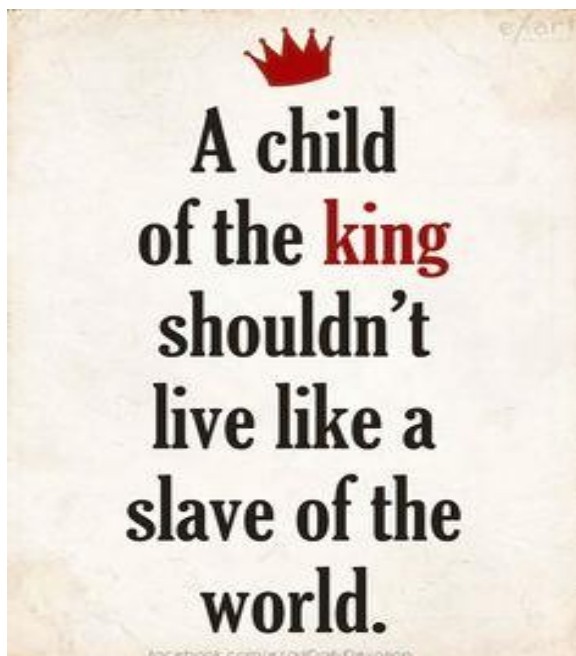
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



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This week we will be looking at the first part of chapter 4 in the book of Galatians. In this section Paul uses an analogy to try and explain our identity in our relationship with God. He describes a minor that is the heir to his parent's estate. The minor does not have authority over the estate but it will someday belong to him. Today we will strive to understand what Paul is describing when it comes to our inheritance and relationship to the Father. Rooted in this is the truth that we are defined as a child of God, heir to the throne, and not by anything that this world tries to define us by.

Read Galatians 4:1-7 (NET)

¹ Now I mean that the heir, as long as he is a minor, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. ² But he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ So also we, when we were minors, were enslaved under the basic forces of the world. ⁴ But when the appropriate time had come, God sent out his Son, born of a woman,

born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we may be adopted as sons with full rights. ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, who calls "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if you are a son, then you are also an heir through God.

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. How is the heir that is a minor no different than a slave?

9. Explain the analogy that Paul is using about minors and what it represents in our relationship with God.

10. As an heir, what is the inheritance?

11. In Paul's analogy are we currently minors?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. Sometimes we struggle to see our identity as a son or daughter of God. What are some other things that we allow the world to use to define us?

13. a. When we allow ourselves to be defined as a child of God, how does it affect us in the work place?

b. How does it affect us in our family?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES