

## WHO'S YOUR MAMA?

(The everyday, Extraordinary Gospel- Part 10)

March 6, 2022

The Passage: Galatians 4:21-31

“God helps those who help themselves”?

An allegory from the Old Testament: Hagar or Sarah (Genesis 16, 21)

An illustration from the New Testament: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

To move from self-reliance to God-dependence, I see...

... when I “help” God, all I do is \_\_\_\_\_

... God’s approval frees me from the need for \_\_\_\_\_

... serving God as a joy vs. serving God \_\_\_\_\_

*Fill-ins: hurt everyone; others’ approval; as a job*

## Life Group Questions for the Week of March 6, 2022

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday’s message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Sometimes it’s difficult to hold on to God’s promises completely by faith alone. Abraham decided to rely on himself to make God’s promises come true. Discuss how that worked out for him (and for the world!)

Have you ever done something similar? What were the results?

3. Through God’s promise, Sarah birthed an entire nation (Israel) and the Messiah (Jesus). Can you think of other passages in the Bible which show how God works through the barren/weak/small? How can this encourage you? How can it challenge you?

4. How “inclusive” is the gospel message compared to the message of the Judaizers that Paul is confronting in Galatians?

5. Discuss the following quote from Tim Keller: “In our natural state, the motives for both serving God and rejecting God are identical. In both cases, we seek to maintain independence from God by denying that we are so sinful that we needed to be saved totally by grace. Instead, we seek to earn our own value.”

6. What does freedom in Christ really mean – in practical, everyday terms?

7. How can one view his/her service to Jesus as a joy instead of a job?

8. Who can you pray for and with whom can you share what God has shown you this week in this study?