

Standing in the Mess
Galatians 4:21-31
Living the Gospel, 15
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Paul challenges through using an account from the law ... verse 21-23

- One of Abraham's sons, Ishmael, was born by human effort.
- The other son, Isaac, was born because of God's promise.

::: Salvation is the result of God's promise and power :::

Paul explains the analogy ... verse 24-27

- Hagar represents enslavement to the law.
- Sarah represents ...
 - freedom in Christ.
 - fulfillment of God's promise.

::: There are two ways that we can live :::

Paul applies the analogy ... verse 28-31

- Rest in freedom because of God's promise, v. 28
- Expect to be persecuted, v. 29
- Eliminate whatever draws you away from trusting in God's power, v. 30
- Wait for the Father to provide, v. 31

APPLICATION

What "mess" are you struggling to stand in?

How will begin to consciously choose to trust in God's promise?

Quote:

"The ability to calm your soul and wait before God is one of the most difficult things in the Christian life. Our old nature is restless ... the world around us is frantically in a hurry. But a restless heart usually leads to a reckless life." Warren Wiersbe