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Labor Pains – Galatians 4:8-20

1. Why do you want to go back into slavery?

“Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world? You are trying to earn favor with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. I fear for you. Perhaps all my hard work with you was for nothing.” ~ Galatians 4:8-11 (NLT)

2. A call to live in FREEDOM!

“I beseech you, brethren, become as I am, for I also am become as ye are.”
~ Galatians 4:12a (ASV)

– Would you be able to tell your wife, your children, or your friends to
“Follow me as I follow after Christ?”

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” ~ I Corinthians 11:1 (KJV)

– What does it look like to live in freedom?

“Millions of people, both inside and outside the church believe that the essential message of Christianity is, ‘If you behave, then you belong.’” ~ Tullian Tchividjian

3. The truth of the gospel destroys every false belief system.

“You did not mistreat me when I first preached to you. Surely you remember that I was sick when I first brought you the Good News. But even though my condition tempted you to reject me, you did not despise me or turn me away. No, you took me in and cared for me as though I were an angel from God or even Christ Jesus himself. Where is that joyful and grateful spirit you felt then? I am sure you would have taken out your own eyes and given them to me if it had been possible. Have I now become your enemy because I am telling you the truth?” ~ Galatians 4:12b-16 (NLT)

– The reason most people will never be fulfilled is because they are looking for the answers within and not at Jesus.

“The great mistake made by people is hoping to discover in themselves that which is to be found in Christ alone.” ~ A. W. Pink

4. Who said only women experience labor pains?

“Those false teachers are so eager to win your favor, but their intentions are not good. They are trying to shut you off from me so that you will pay attention only to them. If someone is eager to do good things for you, that’s all right; but let them do it all the time, not just when I’m with you. Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I’m going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. I wish I were with you right now so I could change my tone. But at this distance I don’t know how else to help you.” ~ Galatians 4:17-20 (NLT)

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