

Galatians

Sustaining Freedom in an Enslaved World: A note to the reader

Dear Reader,

I am so excited that you have decided to embark on this journey through Galatians with me as we learn how to sustain our freedom in an enslaved world. I'm confident God is going to move in your heart as you study His word while illuminating truths He wants you to see. Before you get started, there are a couple of things I'd like to share and a few tips I'll give to, hopefully, make your journey well worth its while.

First of all, my purpose in writing this study guide was to help Christ-following women, young and old, to remember the freedom in which Jesus died to set them free. In an age where "self" is king and deception is lurking around every corner, I believe it's vital for the Christian woman to know who she belongs to and the great lengths God went to rescue her, so that His light can shine through her in a dark world. Galatians is a letter that offers invaluable insight on how to live, and maintain freedom, in an otherwise hostile environment. Paul tells us in Ephesians that the word of God is an offensive weapon that we can use to demolish strongholds and anything that goes against the knowledge of God (Ephesians 6:17; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

It's in light of this that I'd like to encourage you to read the letter, in its entirety, before beginning the study guide. Make notes, highlight, and pray that God - through His Holy Spirit - would illuminate anything He wants you to meditate on. The word of God is transformative, and I'd be misleading if I led you to believe this study guide will change your heart. It won't, but the word of God will. No study guide should be a substitute for God's word. You and I may have different interpretations of truths associated in the letter, specifically how they apply to our own individual lives, and that's okay! But, that is why I'd love for you to read the letter first before reading *my* take on it. I trust that the Holy Spirit will show you exactly what life application needs to be made for the season in which you're currently in.

This study guide can be done individually or in a group setting. If you are a group leader leading a group, I'd recommend staying ahead of your group by one week so you can determine the questions you'd like to pick for discussion. For example, if your group is on week 4 homework, then you (as the group leader) would do week 5. Try to encourage your group members to bring their bibles each week and read publicly before diving into discussion. The more translations, the better!

I'm so encouraged that you've chosen to fight. Because, that's ultimately what we are doing. As long as we're on this side of Heaven, we're in a battle to remember and walk in the freedom that's already been purchased for us. I'm praying for you as you discover truths to help you battle well and realize there's only One who sustains our freedom in an enslaved world.

Only God,
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