

## Let Us Know You're Here

New or regular, we'd love to know you're here today. You can also share a prayer request so our team can pray for you this week.



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## New to Emmanuel?



**E:Connect** is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

## Baptism

Baptism is a public declaration of faith for those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Learn more or take your next step at

[emmanuelcommunity.org/baptism](http://emmanuelcommunity.org/baptism)



## Stay Connected



Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

[emmanuelcommunity.org/newsletter](http://emmanuelcommunity.org/newsletter)



February 7 & 8, 2026 | Sons & Daughters - 2 | Galatians 4:12-20 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

## FLIPPED MINDSETS

*Galatians 4:12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are.*

1. A Jewish Paul flipped from rule-keeping to gospel freedom to serve CHRIST among the Gentiles.
2. The Gentile Galatians flipped from gospel freedom to rule-keeping to win the APPROVAL of Jewish Christians.
3. Gospel freedom is a CHOICE.

*Galatians 4:12 You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.*

4. The presence of gospel freedom was marked by the LEADER'S weakness and the LISTENERS' love.

*Galatians 4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?*

5. The loss of gospel freedom is often marked by a shift from courageous LOVE to combative LEGALISM.

## Ask Yourself

Is there an area in my life that I need to choose to flip to gospel freedom?

## FLIPPED MOTIVES

*Galatians 4:17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you.*

1. The loss of gospel freedom is often marked by zealous (ζηλόω // zay-LAH-oh) people “making much” of others to VALIDATE themselves.
2. The presence of gospel freedom is often marked by zealous people “making much” of others to ELEVATE Christ.

## Ask Yourself

When it comes to my experience with the Christian culture, what tends to get me worked up lately?

## FLIPPED METAPHORS

*Galatians 4:19 my little **children**, for whom I am again in the anguish of **childbirth** until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.*

1. A person marked by gospel freedom leans into the LABOR of making disciples with courage and love.
2. A church marked by gospel freedom is continually nurturing gospel CLARITY.

## Ask Yourself

If I were going to share the gospel with someone with grace and clarity this week, what would be my next faithful step?

## Ask the Lord

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank You for laying down Your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank You for the transformation You are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

## RESOURCE

### The Bridge Illustration (Navigators)

A simple, grace-filled visual tool for explaining the gospel. Scan the QR code or visit [emmanuelcommunity.org/bridge](http://emmanuelcommunity.org/bridge).

