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Galatians 4:8-20

Galatians; A Letter for Prodigals

*“Am I the Older Brother?”*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. **WORSHIPPING FALSE GODS**

2. **THE GOD WHO KNOWS US**

3. **THE PEOPLE WE KNOW**

## Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Read Luke 15:11-32. In what ways are BOTH sons lost? What do you see in the older son that might suggest that he lives in a distant country of his own making? How are people sometimes like that?
2. How does the older brother portray “contractual thinking?”
3. What is it about how the older brother thinks that makes it hard to be in relationship with people like him?
4. How do you see the “weak and worthless elementary principles of the world” that Paul talk about in Galatians 4 working in the older brother’s life?
5. How do “idols” and false teaching enslave us?
6. Reflect on Galatians 4:9. What does it mean to “be known by God?” Doesn’t God know everything and everyone? What do you think Paul is getting at here. Look at Matthew 7:21-23 and 1 Corinthians 8:3 for some help.
7. Paul says that “he became” as the Galatians were. What do you think that’s about?
8. Paul also said to his friends “become as I am.” What do these two phrases point to for us as we try to share our faith with others?
9. In what ways do you see the “weak and elementary principles of the world” portrayed in the media?