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THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS



Children of the Free Woman

GALATIANS 4:21-31

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”This interpretation shows that the story of Isaac and Ishmael is about something more than sibling rivalry. When Abraham got Hagar pregnant, he was operating on the principle that “God helps those who help themselves.” He was trying to take the blessing, rather than waiting to receive it...Whereas Isaac was a gift, Ishmael is what Abraham got for trying to do things his way instead of God’s way.”

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”[Paul] recognized that the history of Abraham’s sons had something significant to say about the way God always deals with his people. Isaac and Ishmael stand for something. There is an analogy between what God did for them and what he offers to us. In the eyes of God everyone is either an Ishmael or an Isaac.



Ultimately, their story is about the gospel of free grace...and when Paul said that Jerusalem corresponded to Hagar, he was saying that although the Judaizers were Jews, they were really Ishmaelites, spiritually speaking!”

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