

Recap

Paul pleading with Galatians to return to the Gospel – they are justified (declared righteous by God) through faith in Jesus alone

Two ways of life:

- **Under the Law** – characterized by condemnation, constraint, and captivity
- **In Jesus** – characterized by intimacy (we are children of God) and inheritance (we are heirs of God)

Move from ‘under the Law’ to ‘in Christ’ through faith in Jesus



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Paul's Illness?



- **Malaria** – based on travel itinerary in Acts 13.13-14
- **Epilepsy** - Gal 4.14: 'you did not spit at me'
- **Ophthalmia** – Gal 4.15: you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me

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Life of Joseph

- 11th of 12 sons of Jacob – favorite
- 2 dreams – family bowing to him
- **Sold into slavery** – ends up in Egypt working in household of Potiphar
- **Falsely accused** - Potiphar's wife accuses him of attempted rape and Potiphar throws Joseph in jail
- **Interprets 2 dreams** – correctly interprets dreams of Pharaoh's servants
- **Interprets Pharaoh's dream** – correctly interpret dream of Pharaoh; named 2nd in command of Egypt
- **Brothers bow to him** – famine strikes the land and Joseph's brothers come to him for grain



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Dealing With Detours

View detours providentially

- **Providence** - God's superintendence of His creation; the 'anonymous working' of God
- **Detours come for many reasons-**
 - **Due to sin**
 - Joseph in Egypt - brothers' sin
 - Joseph in jail - Potiphar's wife's sin
 - **Due to 'human-ness'**
 - Joseph left in jail - cupbearer's forgetfulness
 - **Due to circumstances**
 - Paul in Galatia - illness
- **Focus on faithfulness in midst of detour**



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