

# what God wants

AS TOLD TO THE  
-Galatians-



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## Yes, No & Maybe

1. I would rather be told what to do, than to have to figure out what I'm supposed to do on my own.
2. If a mom has issues, their kids are forced to deal with those issues in their own lives.
3. I grew up in a legalistic home.
4. If humanity were given total freedom, we would destroy ourselves.
5. God would rather us NOT have a list of guidelines.

## Dig Deeper

- Of all of God's Law, what specific law or rule would you have a very difficult time giving up?

### › READ Galatians 4:21-31 (NLT)

21 Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? 22 The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. 23 The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. 24 These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. 25 And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because she and her children live in slavery to the law. 26 But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. 27 As Isaiah said,  
"Rejoice, O childless woman,  
you who have never given birth!  
Break into a joyful shout,  
you who have never been in labor!  
For the desolate woman now has more children  
than the woman who lives with her husband!"  
28 And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. 29 But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit. 30 But what do the Scriptures say about that? "Get rid of the slave and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not share the inheritance with the free woman's son." 31 So, dear brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman; we are children of the free woman.

- ›› **22 Abraham had two sons** - What do you think Paul means when he says that we have two different options of how we approach the Law of God?

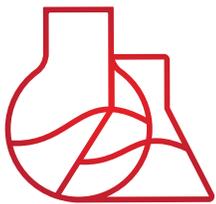
» **Ishmael & Isaac** - What do you think it means spiritually to be like each of them?

» **30-31 children of the promise** - What does God want, by asking us to act like children of the promise, not like a child of the slave woman?

» **your two moms** - How do the two mothers serve as an illustration of God's two covenants?

» **what are we doing?** - What does this tell us about living under the Law of God? Are we currently doing what God wants here or not?

« What does it tell you about God that you hadn't thought of before?



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## My Prayer...

1. Am I living, spiritually, like Ishmael or Isaac?
2. What role does God's Law play in my life today?
3. What new aspect of God's character does He want me to know?