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A TALE
OF
TWO CITIES,
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Tale of Two Cities

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity,
it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness,
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair,

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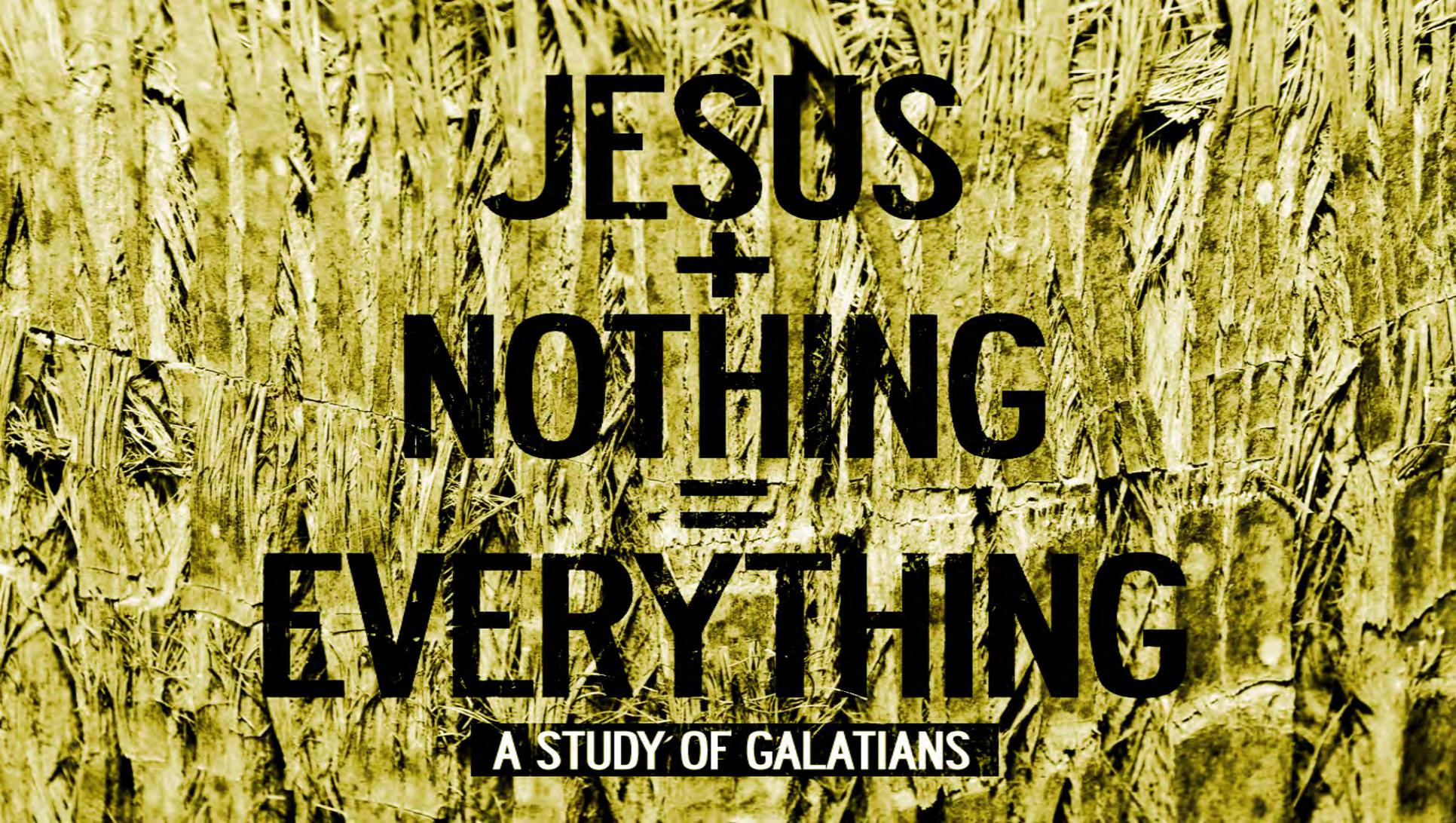
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

This week's message:

"A Tale of Two Women"

Seeing Jesus Christ as the only answer

Galatians 4:21-31



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A STUDY OF GALATIANS

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Biblical Typology



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*a narrative from Old Testament history
interpreted in terms of new covenant realities.*

~ F. F. Bruce

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John 5:39-40

³⁹You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

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Hebrews 10:1a

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming – not the realities themselves...

JOHN 3:14.



AS Moses lifted
up the SERPENT in
the wilderness,

SO must the
SON OF MAN
be lifted UP.

Luke 11:29-32

²⁹As the crowds increased, Jesus said, “This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here. ³²The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

1 Corinthians 5:7

⁷Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast – as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Galatians 3:14

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

*Just the facts, mam.
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- Revelation
 - Hebrews 1, Peter 1, 2, 3, John, Jude
 - Timothy, Titus, Philemon
 - Thessalonians
 - Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Romans
- Acts
- John
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- Mark
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 - Zachariah, Haggai, Zechariah
 - Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
 - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
- Daniel
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- Lamentations
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- Ecccl. Song of Sol
- Proverbs
- Psalms
- Job
- Esther
- Ezra, Nehemiah
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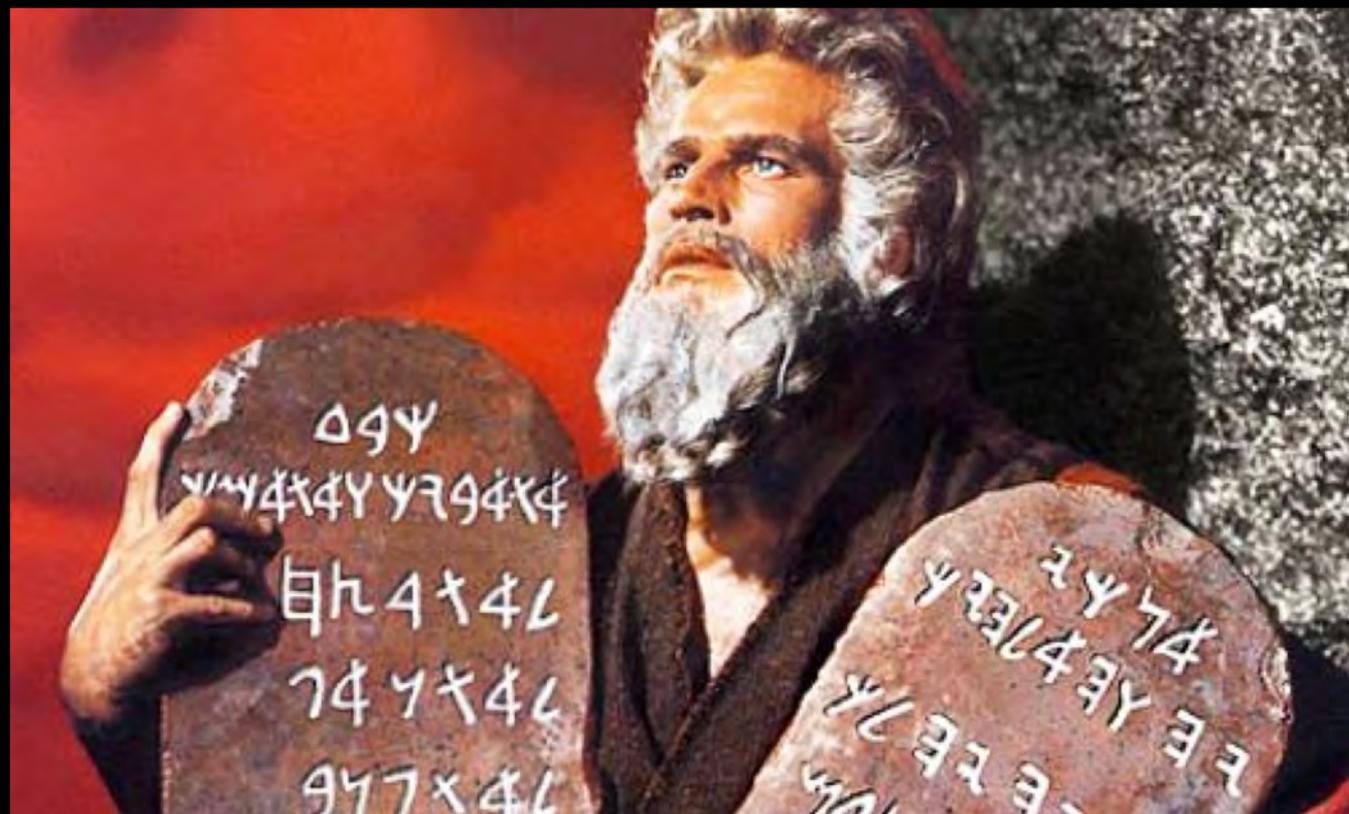
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Exodus 19:1-8, 16-25

¹In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt – on the very day – they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Exodus 19:1-8, 16-25

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶‘you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

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⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”
So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD...

Exodus 19:1-8, 16-25

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, ¹⁹and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

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²⁰The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up ²¹and the LORD said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish. ²²Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.”

Exodus 19:1-8, 16-25

²³Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, ‘Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.’ ”

²⁴The LORD replied, “Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or he will break out against them.”

²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Exodus 20:18-21

¹⁸When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

The New Jerusalem is our mother

Galatians 4:26

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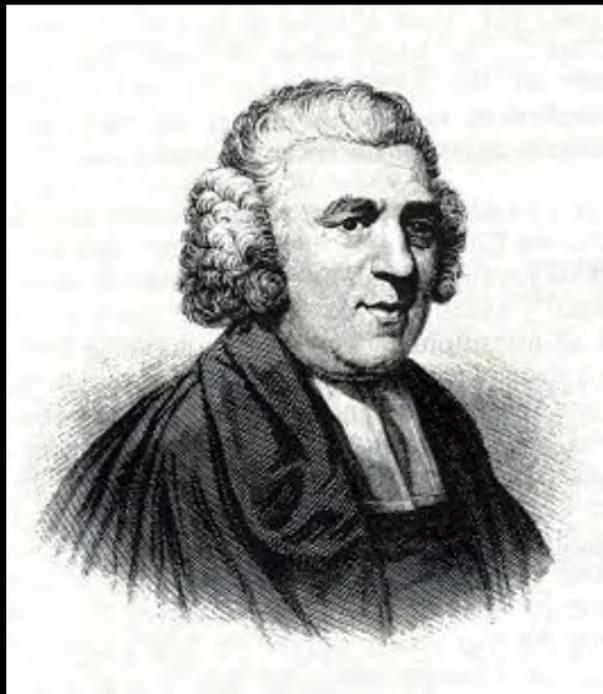
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Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” [Exodus 19:12] ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” [Deuteronomy 9:19]

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²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.



Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's Name!
He has hushed the law's loud
thunder, He has quenched Mount
Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

~ John Newton, *Let us love and sing and wonder*, 1774

The huge 'twist'

Galatians 4:27

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¹“Sing, O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD.

Isaiah 54:1-8

²“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. ³For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

Isaiah 54:1-8

⁴“Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. ⁵For your Maker is your husband — the LORD Almighty is his name — the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. ⁶The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit — a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

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⁷“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. ⁸In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD your Redeemer.



ID #1 – We are children of promise

Galatians 4:28

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The eradication of the old covenant

Galatians 4:29-31

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As soon as the word of God appears, the devil becomes angry; and in his anger he employs every power and wile to persecute it and wipe it out completely. Therefore it cannot be otherwise than that he should stir up endless sects and offenses, persecution and slaughter, for he is the father of lies and a murderer (John 8:44); he plants his lies in the world through false teachers, and he murders men through tyrants.... If someone does not want to endure persecution from Ishmael, let him not claim that he is Christian.



~ Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 26.455, 451.

ID #2 – We are free people

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Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

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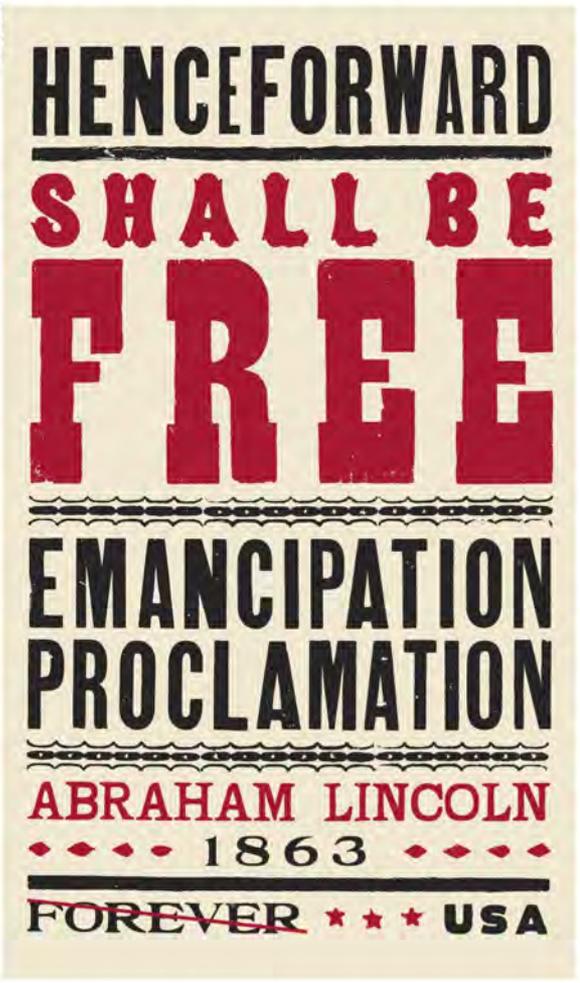
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2. People around them did not want them to be free

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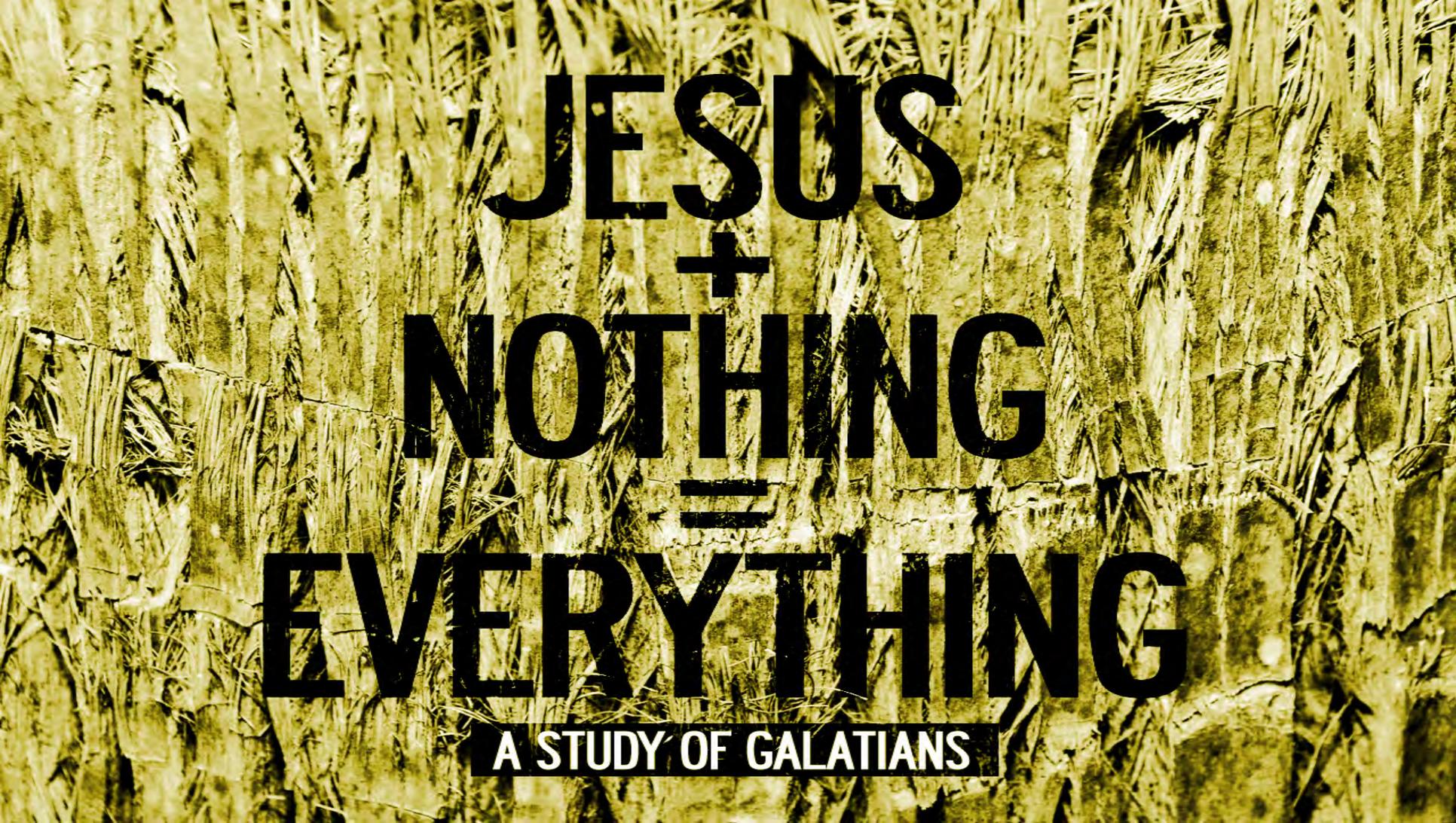
Are you fighting for your freedom?

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*Are you casting out the voice that
yells 'slave'?*



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