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THE GOOD NEWS

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ¹⁹For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ²⁰nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 3:10

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but ⁸"through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁹This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ¹⁰For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹¹And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our Godfather Isaac, ¹²though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad— in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because

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Romans 1:1

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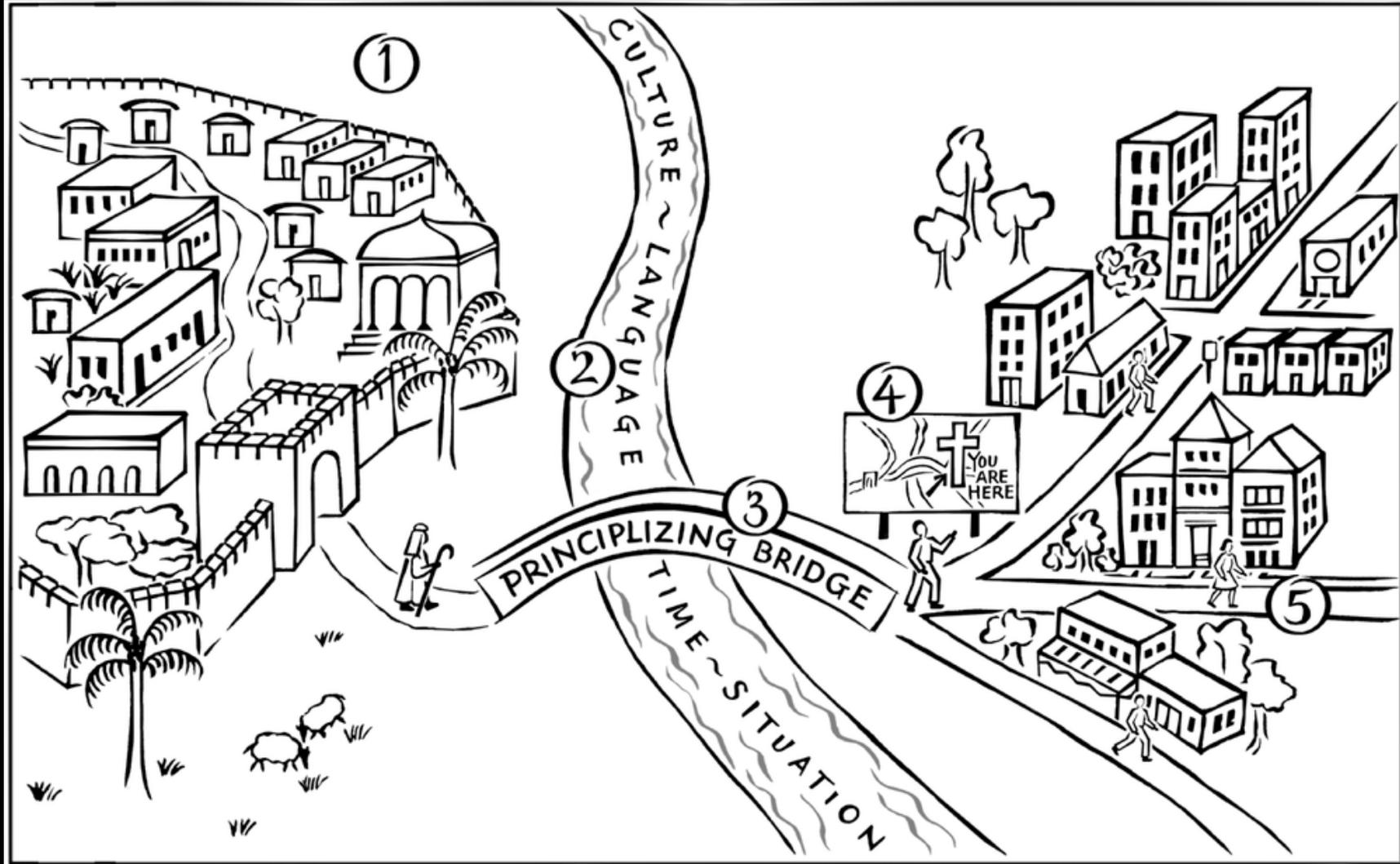
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This book is not written to you!

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Galatians 1:13-17

¹³ For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴ And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶ was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

**Before we can know who Paul was, we
need to know who Saul was?**

Acts 7:54-8:3

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:54-8:3

⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:54-8:3

8 And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Conversion of Saul?

Acts 9:1-9

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 9:1-9

⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**No one, any where, at any time, is beyond
the reach of the gospel...**

No one, any where, at any time, is beyond
the reach of the gospel...

Not even You!

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Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God



In the Greek text, the word that the apostle uses is *doulos* which is not properly translated 'servant'. A servant in the ancient world was a hired employee, a person who could come and go at will, who could resign from one job and seek employment elsewhere if so inclined. But a *doulos* was a slave owned by a *kyrios*, a master or a lord. Frequently in the New Testament this type of imagery is used to portray the relationship between Christ and his people: 'You are not your own; you were bought at a price.' Christians are those who belong to Christ. He is our Lord, he is our *kyrios*, he is our Master.

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Called & Set Apart - Apostle & Gospel

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*Apostle - Sent out, Seen the resurrected
Jesus, able to perform signs and wonders -
for the advancement of the Gospel*

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Called = Command

First, there is God's call to sinners to repent. There is a sense in which this call of God is contained in the gospel itself, for in the gospel God calls men to repentance. This understanding of 'call' suggests a divine command, for their response to which men will be held accountable by God. When the gospel is proclaimed a call goes out that all men, everywhere, should repent and come to Christ.

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Set Apart - Vocation

There is yet another way in which the Bible speaks of the call of God, a call illustrated by the next phrase: *set apart for the gospel of God*. This is what we call 'vocation', a concept which was popular when the Christian Faith had more influence in forming the outlook of our culture. It is a realization that every human life is to be lived under the authority of God. This means that the career I pursue, the job I take, is to be in conformity with the will of God. In other words, my life is to be dedicated to God whether I am a minister, a farmer, a carpenter or a physician. Each one of us has a 'vocation', a calling from God that we are to carry out to his glory and for the benefit of his kingdom.

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Gospel Application

*You have been called; you have been set apart for the
gospel*