



Title | Best and Worst, Part 2
Series | Witness for the Defense
Text | Galatians 4:16-20
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Sermon Notes

Galatians 4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Galatians 4:17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Galatians 4:16. Paul was concerned the Galatians might be angry because he told them some hard truths. Why would Paul do this? Why didn't he just agree with them? Have you ever had to face hard truths that put a relationship in jeopardy? How did you deal with that situation? After reading this passage, would you respond differently today?

Tuesday:

Read Romans 14:17. The false teachers dealt dishonestly with the Galatians. They used flattery rather than praise when dealing with the Galatians. Why would they do this? Has this happened to you? How did—or would—you respond?

Wednesday:

Read Galatians 4:18. Paul dealt honestly with the Galatians. He used praise rather than flattery to encourage the Galatians in their Christian life. Why would he do this? Has this happened to you? How did—or would—you respond?

Thursday:

Read Galatians 4:19. Paul views his Galatian converts as his children in the faith and says he is in, “anguish” over their current situation. Why would Paul be in such anguish? What can ease his state?

Friday:

Read Galatians 4:20. Paul says he is, “perplexed” over their current situation. Why would Paul feel so perplexed? What can ease his state?

Daily Prayer:

Father, may I see when others love me unconditionally, even when I am confronted with hard truths. Show me when others only use flattery and not praise so that I may see who is a true friend and who is not.

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