

Title: Born to Run: Embracing Our True Identity in Christ

Main Scripture: Galatians 4:3-7, 21-23, 28-30

Key Thought: You can't earn an identity you were born to receive. In Christ, we are liberated from the slavery of human effort and welcomed into the family of God.

1. From Slavery to Sonship (Galatians 4:3-7)

a. Without Jesus, we are enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

b. God sent His Son to free those under the law, so we might receive adoption as children.

Supporting Scripture:

"So you are no longer a slave, but a child, and if a child, then an heir through God."
(Galatians 4:7)

Personal Application:

How can I embrace my identity as a child of God rather than striving for it?

What areas of my life reflect a performance-based mindset?

2. The Two Children: A Universal Problem (Galatians 4:21-23)

a. Ishmael represents a life of bondage, while Isaac represents a life of freedom.

Supporting Scripture:

"But the son of the enslaved woman was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise." (Galatians 4:23)

Personal Application:

How can I live more fully as a child of promise?

What steps can I take to let go of performance-based living?

3. Embracing Our New Identity (Galatians 4:28-30)

a. You can't earn an identity you were born to receive.

Supporting Scripture:

"Now we, my brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, like Isaac." (Galatians 4:28)

Personal Application:

How can I deepen my relationship with God as my Father?

Where can I demonstrate my identity as a child of God in my daily life?