

The Slave and the Free

Galatians 2:16-3:7; 4:1-7; 4:21-5:1

Abraham's Timeline

- ▶ **75 years old** [*Genesis 12:1-4*]
 - ▶ leaves Haran; God promises to make him a great nation

 - ▶ **~80 years old** [*Genesis 15:1-6*]
 - ▶ grows tired of waiting, so thinks his heir must be Eliezer (slave born in his house)
 - ▶ but God promises an heir from his own body

 - ▶ **86 years old** [*Genesis 16:1-16*]
 - ▶ marries Hagar and she becomes pregnant
 - ▶ Sarai then chases away Hagar from the house
 - ▶ but God sends Hagar back
 - ▶ Ishmael is born
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Abraham's Timeline

- ▶ **99 years old** [*Genesis 17:1-5, 15-21*]
 - ▶ God changes Abram's ("exalted father") name to Abraham ("father of a multitude")
 - ▶ and Sarai's name to Sarah ("princess")

- ▶ **100 years old** [*Genesis 21:1-7*]
 - ▶ Isaac is born

- ▶ **~102 years old** [*Genesis 21:8-12*]
 - ▶ Ishmael mocks Isaac
 - ▶ God says Isaac is the heir
 - ▶ Ishmael is sent away



Only 2 Ways: The Law (Slave) or Faith (Free)

- ▶ **Abraham** – the man or woman who believes in God
- ▶ **Eliezer** – that which is easy (fruit which is neither the blessing nor the promise of God)
- ▶ **Ishmael** – that which is difficult, but still possible (fruit which is the work of the Law, not through love)
- ▶ **Isaac** – that which is impossible (fruit which is the work of faith through love)
- ▶ 1: EASY → 2: DIFFICULT → 3: IMPOSSIBLE → 4: DONE!

