

Series: Uncaged – The book of Galatians**Sermon: Jesus The Game Changer – Galatians 1:13-24**

Every Christian has two stories the world needs to hear – Jesus’s story of salvation and their own freedom story of change!

Tell Them Who You Were BEFORE JESUS – *Powerless to change!*

- Galatians 1: 13-14, Acts 26:9-11

Tell Them How Jesus BECAME LORD In Your Life – *A revelation that changed everything!*

- Galatians 1:15-17, Psalm 139:16, Romans 10:9, Ephesians 2:10

1. Set me apart before I was born
2. Called me by his grace
3. Pleased to reveal his Son
4. In order that I might *blank*

Tell Them How Your Life Has CHANGED WITH JESUS – *Living changed by Grace*

- Galatians 1:18-24

Questions: “He who used to *blank* is now *blanks*” What’s in your blanks?
Where do you need change? Who needs to hear your story?

Lectio Divina

The ancient Christian practice meeting God through slow reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating of the Bible. Allow for moments of silence after each reading of scriptures.

1. **Read (*Lectio*)** – Slowly and prayerfully read a small portion of scripture. As you do allow yourself to come into the presence of God. Listen for the Holy Spirit to catch your attention with a word or phrase that “stops” you...that gets your attention...that “summons” you.

Question: Lord, what word or phrase are you wanting to speak to me and grab my attention?

Temptation: to go beyond simple listening and trying to figure out why the word or passage holds meaning to me.

2. **Meditate (*Meditatio*)** – Read your passage slowly again and consider how the word/phrase is speaking to your life. Allow it to interact and work with your reason, imagination, memory, hopes, desires, or emotions.

▪ If reading a story ask, “Where am I in this scene and do I hear in the words addressed to me?”

*Question: Where is this passage speaking into my life/soul?
How is my heart responding to this word/phrase?*

Temptation: to go beyond where the word connects to my soul and try to figure out what I am supposed to do.

3. **Pray (*Oratio*)** – Read the passage once more, and offer your own prayerful **response** to what you hear God speaking to you. Prayer is engaging God, even if it is a quarrel or wrestling match, knowing that he loves you and accepts you.

▪ The Lord listens and speaks in return with gentle whispers.

▪ Is there an invitation from God in this passage?

Response: “I believe that the Lord wants me to _____ with him today/this week.”

4. **Contemplate (*Contemplatio*)** – A time to reflect more deeply and rest in God. In your time of resting there may be a picture, another scripture, an insight, a direct word from God at this time.

Be open and receptive to how he wants to bring his presence into your situation. You can close with prayers of intercession.