



FREEDOM BY FAITH

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with a gradient from light blue to orange. The scene is framed by several bare, dark branches.

**Stand firm in the freedom
given to you through Christ.**

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch against a light blue and yellow background. The bird is facing left and is positioned in the center of the frame. The background is a soft gradient of light blue at the top and yellow at the bottom, with several dark, thin branches crisscrossing the scene.

Galatians 4:12
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¹²Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ...

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

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ...

²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

**“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in
labor!**

**For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”**

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Isaac

Free woman (Sarah)

LAW

Ishmael

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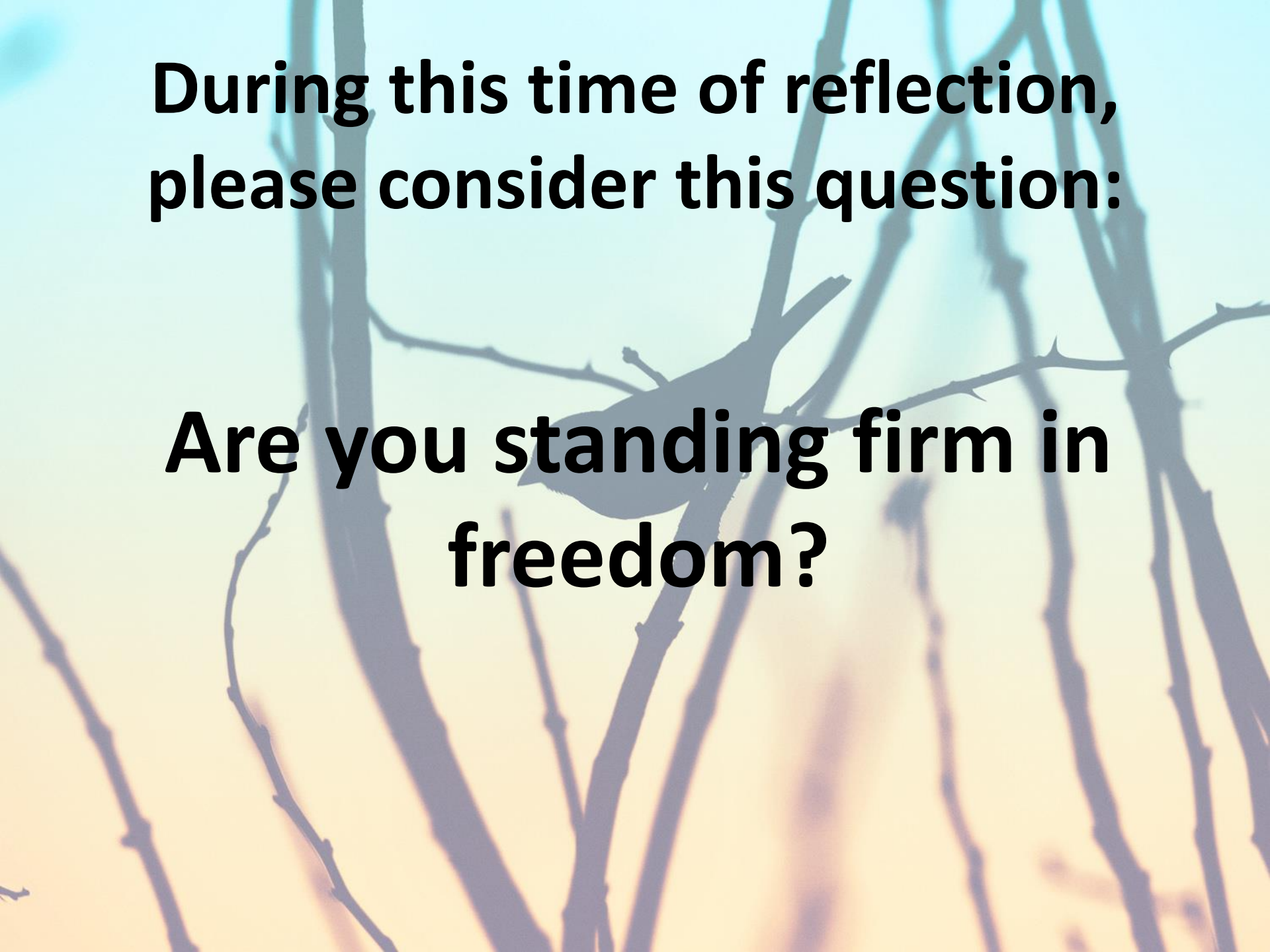
Present Jerusalem

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman. ¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that made it necessary.

~ Jonathan Edwards



**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Are you standing firm in
freedom?**