

THE LIES WE BELIEVE AND THE TRUTH WE FORGET

READ OUTLOUD

LIE: I AM WHAT I ACHIEVE.

TRUTH: I CHOOSE TO EMBRACE MY IDENTITY AS A CHILD OF GOD. **4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Gal. 4:4-5

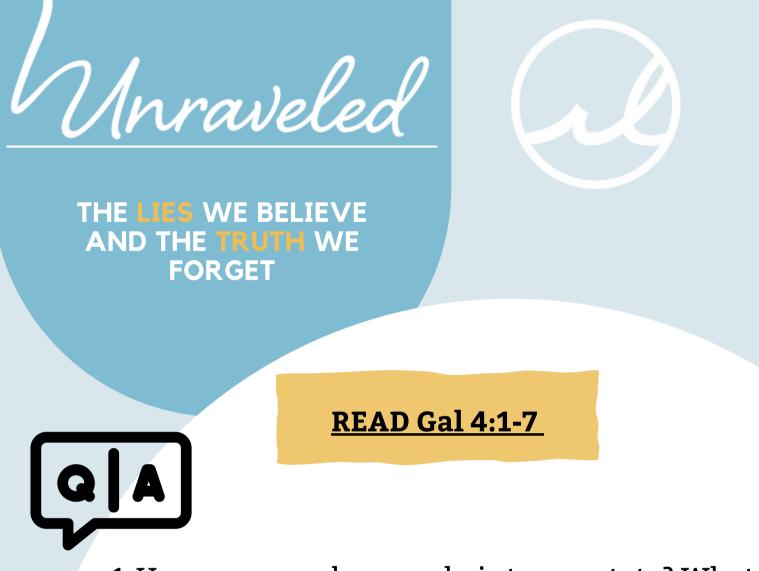
PASTOR BILLY GAVE US 5 SIGNS OF AN UNHEALTHY VALUE DIET

Which "sign" do you see most in your life?



THE FACES OF CONTROL

You worry about what others think. You are often overly sensitive You compromise your values You make impulse purchases You have a hard time saying no



- 1. Have you ever been an heir to an estate? What was the experience like? If not, what do you imagine it is like?
- 2. Why do you think Paul uses the word "adoption" to explain our relationship to God through Jesus?
- 3. How does culture view adoption?
- 4. How does God view adoption? (v. 6-7)
- 5. Why do you think Paul makes a distinction between a child and an heir in verse 8? Why is it important that Jesus' followers identify as both?



We recommend you close your time in prayer. We know that group prayer isn't for everyone. However, we encourage it as a good practice for anyone wanting to learn how to follow Jesus and give him more control over their lives.

This acronym is a helpful way to take what we have talked to each other about and talk to God about it. Take a few moments to pray as a Group using this guide to help you.

P = PRAISE GOD OR THANK HIM

Thank God for the ways He is worthy of having control. **R = REPENT OR ACKNOWLEDGE PERSONAL FAULT**

Admit that you want to control things, and not always for the right reasons.

A = ASK GOD FOR HELP

Name something specific you would like God's help with. **Y = YIELD OR SURRENDER**

Give God one area of control that you've struggled to give.