

the **DRIFT** *live as a child*

Day 1—Read Galatians 4:1-7

Later we'll explore what it means to be a child of God in general. Today let's dive into how God made you unique from others.

- Who are you in Christ living as a child of God?
- What combination of gifts, talents, and experiences has He given you? Write out a list.
- How have you possibly drifted away from your God-given potential?
- What can you do to be focused again in using those gifts and experiences?

Day 2—Meditate on Galatians 3:26-27

"Jesus, who am I when I'm clothed in you?"

If you have a relationship with Jesus, you are not the person you used to be. Reflect on your journey with Him. Consider some ways that you are more like Christ.

If you don't know what it means to have a relationship with Jesus, we encourage you to ask God to come and lead your life. He loves you! Make a commitment to follow Him. He will open your eyes to Scripture and share His peace and joy with you. Questions? There are people at the Next Steps Center at Jacob's Well who can help.

Day 3—Read Galatians 4:1-3

Most of us have seen in movies the setting of a European kingdom from centuries ago with a king who has a young son who is heir to the throne. It might be easiest to imagine our own place in God's Kingdom with this picture in mind. The child gets to live in great comfort with the best of everything, is taught by the best instructors, but is expected to live within the guidelines, responsibilities and vision of taking over the kingdom some day. So we also live under God's guardianship and guidelines, but He gives us authority to make decisions and serve His Kingdom based on those guidelines.

Journal your thoughts on what it means to you to live under God's guardianship. Do you feel like a slave or an heir? How are you growing in knowledge of the Kingdom? How are you serving the Kingdom today?

Day 4—Meditate on Galatians 4:4-5

In Christ, we are redeemed; we are sons of the Holy Father. We receive the "full rights" as sons and daughters of the Holy King. We are royalty.

Describe your reactions to this passage. How do you imagine being royalty in the family of God? How do you make the mental shift from thinking you're nobody special to recognizing that you're royalty?

Day 5—Meditate on Galatians 4:6-7

As children of God, we are invited to call Him Father. Not just the authoritative Father, but the loving Father—Abba. It's God grace, love and mercy that allow us to be called sons of the Most High God.

It's easy to drift away from God's love. The demands of the world pull us in several directions at the same time. Remaining in the presence of your Abba Father can be difficult at times.

What steps can you take today to rest in the presence of your Abba Father? How can you experience His love more fully?

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Recommended reading:

The book of Galatians

Practicing the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

Abba's Child by Brennan Manning