

Bible Study Discussion

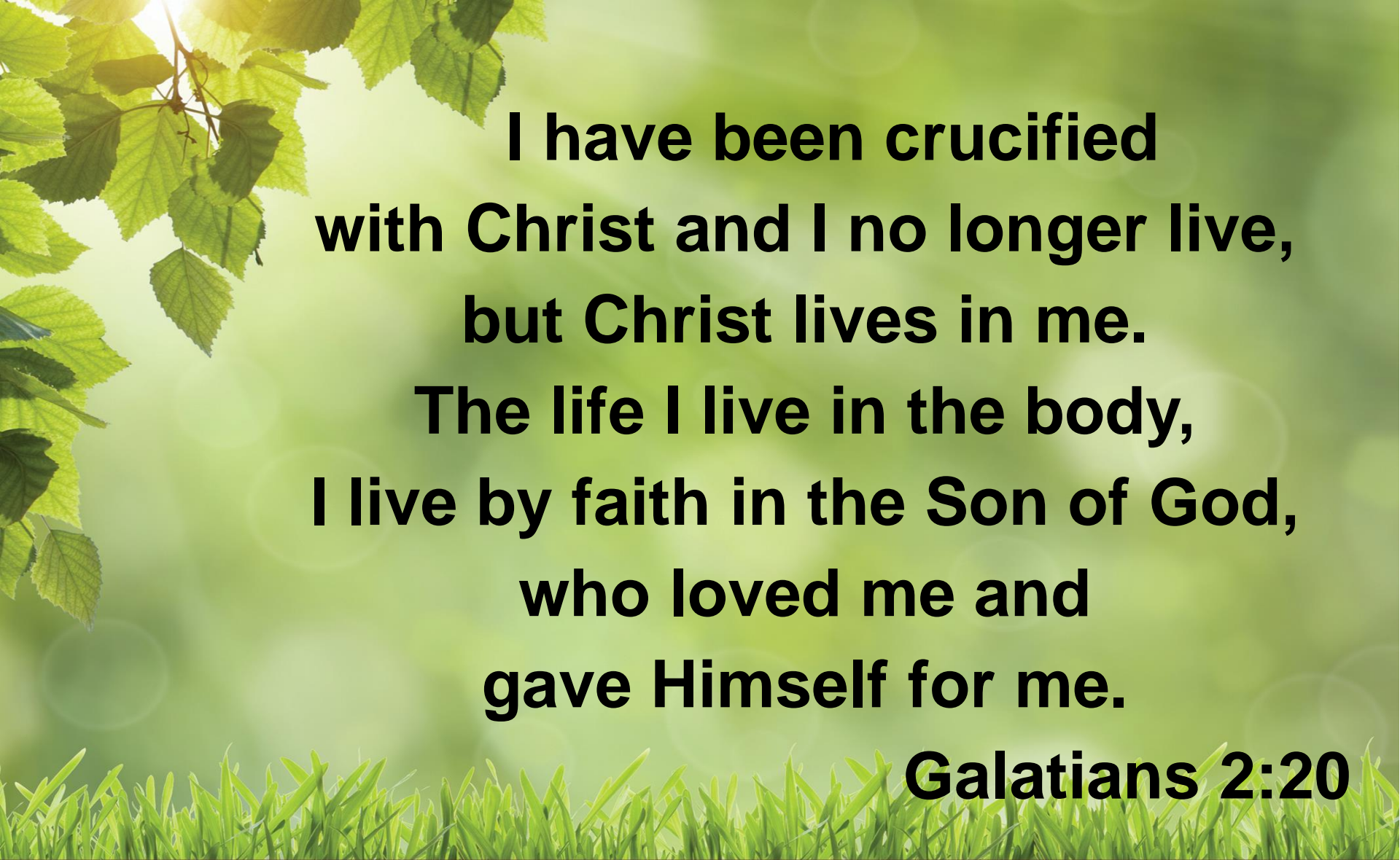
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Galatians 2:1-16

Lesson 18



Acceptance



**I have been crucified
with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.**

**The life I live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and
gave Himself for me.**

Galatians 2:20

Memory Verse

Striding Ridge



GALATIANS 2:1-16

Business Trip to Jerusalem



Reprimand in Antioch

Business Trip to Jerusalem

The men went to Jerusalem to meet with the Pillars because:

God told Paul to go!



There were men entering the Gentile churches who were “undercover agents on a covert op”. They were “informants” and “slave traders”. They came to judge Paul and the Gentile believers’ church.

Business Trip to Jerusalem

Paul's mission had far reaching implications.

Its purpose was to:

1. Maintain unity between the Gentile believers and the Jewish believers. Paul was striving for unity with amazing diversity. This did not mean separate gospels for the Gentiles believers and the Jewish believers.
2. Tell the Pillars what Paul preached, the Truth of the Gospel which proclaimed Jesus as Lord of the *world* not just Israel. We are freed from the bondage to the Law. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus.

The gospel is Christ plus nothing!



Business Trip to Jerusalem

Outcome of the meeting indicated that the Pillars:

1. Affirmed the gospel Paul preached. They gave them the right hand of fellowship as a gesture of goodwill and approval.
2. Acknowledged the division of labor - Paul to the Gentiles and the Pillars to the Jews.
3. Requested that Paul and the Gentile believers remember the “poor” which referred to the Jerusalem church.



Reprimand in Antioch

What and where was Antioch?

- Gentile city with a cosmopolitan character.
- Capital of the Roman province of Syria and 3rd largest city in the Roman Empire.
- 300 miles from Jerusalem on the Med. Sea.
- This is where followers of Christ were first called Christians.
- Peter stepped into an atmosphere different from Jerusalem.



Reprimand in Antioch

What did Peter do to receive a reprimand?

Background: Table fellowship for Jewish believers was different from Gentile believers. Table fellowship spoke of family identity. Keeping the food laws showed that the Jews belonged to God. Who you ate with and what you ate were important to the Jewish believers.



Reprimand in Antioch

The incident:

1. When Jewish believers from James came to town, Peter stopped eating with the Gentile believers and ate only with the Jewish believers. He acted like a hypocrite, coward, and racist. Peter's actions didn't demonstrate the gospel.
2. Barnabas was led astray.



Reprimand in Antioch

So what does this mean for us?

In confronting Peter, Paul showed the following traits which are examples for us. We must:

- ✓ Stand which means courage
- ✓ Withstand which means self-control
- ✓ Understand which means choice. Who is your master?

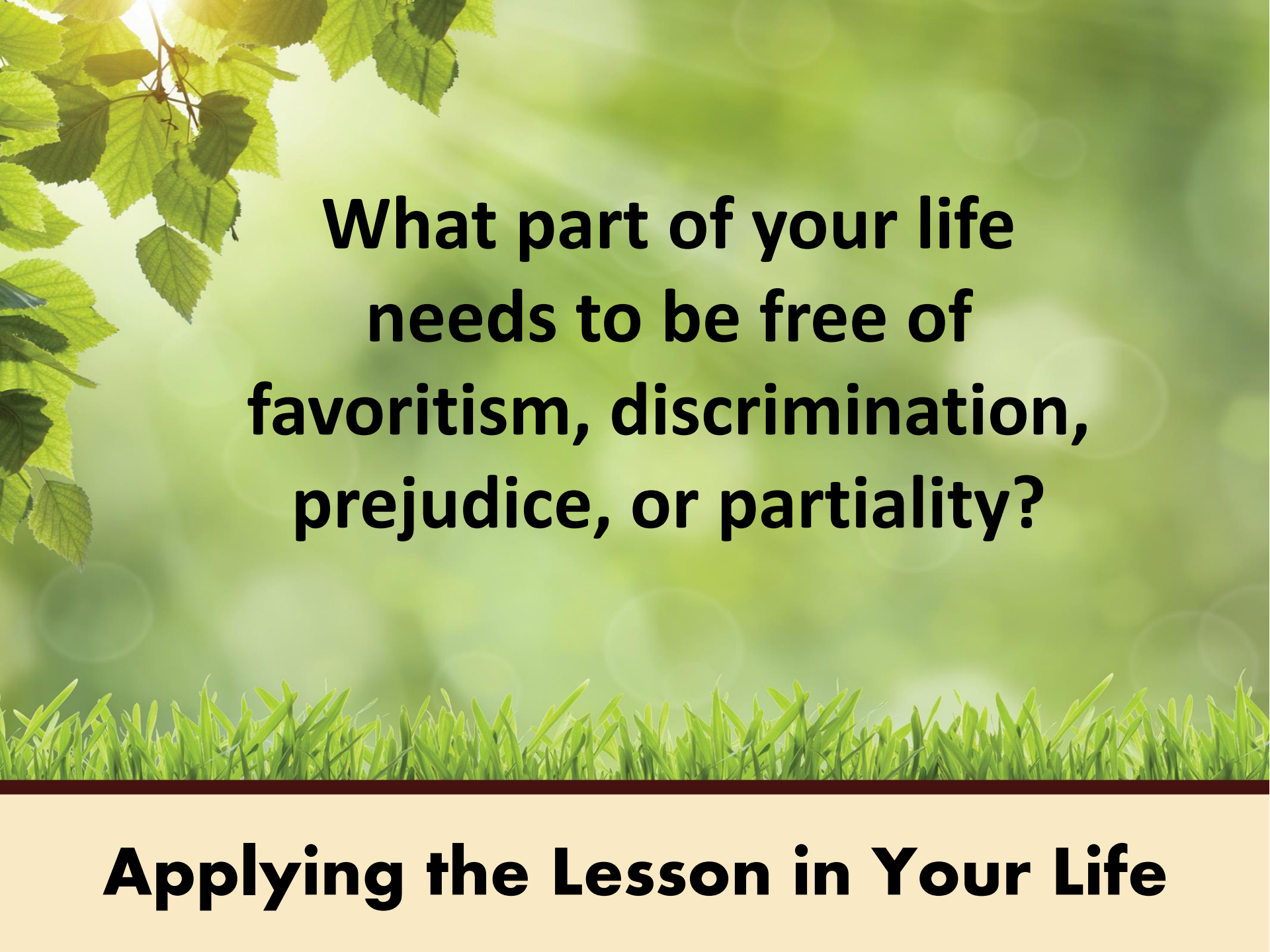
-Oscar Fisher Blackwelder

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



Soli Deo Gloria!



**What part of your life
needs to be free of
favoritism, discrimination,
prejudice, or partiality?**

Applying the Lesson in Your Life



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