

# **Bible Study Discussion**

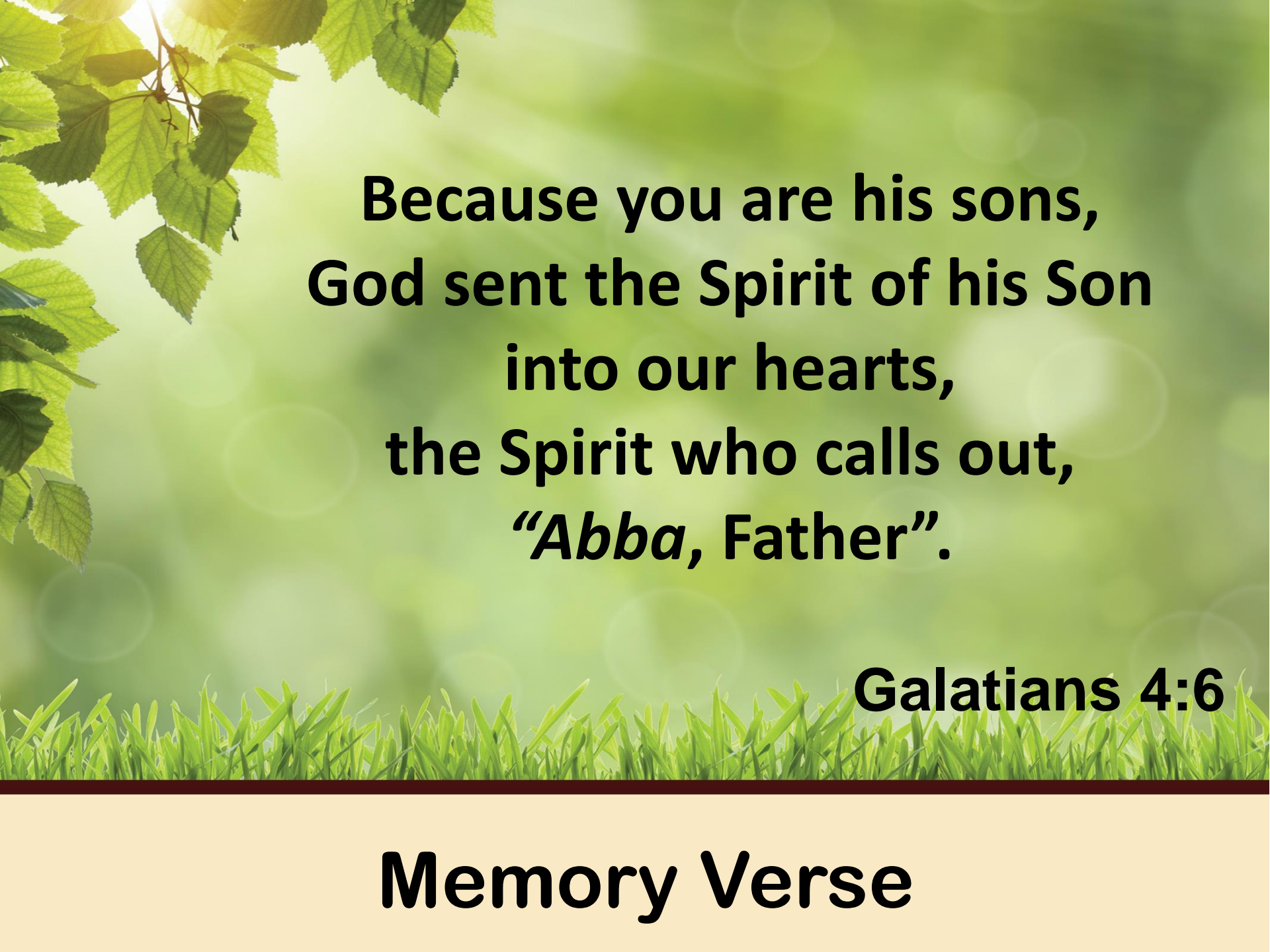
**2013 -2014**

**Galatians 2:1-16**

**Lesson 22**



**Gift of Freedom**



**Because you are his sons,  
God sent the Spirit of his Son  
into our hearts,  
the Spirit who calls out,  
*“Abba, Father”*.**

**Galatians 4:6**

**Memory Verse**





A black silhouette of a bird, possibly a seagull, in flight with its wings spread wide. The bird is positioned above the word "Freedom".

Freedom



# **Freedom: Secular Meaning**

- We are not confined or physically restrained.**
- We have the power to determine our actions.**
- We have political or national independence.**
- We are not in bondage or slavery.**



# Freedom for Americans



- The U.S. Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of speech, press, religion, and petition.
- Americans do not want to have other people's values, ideas, or lifestyles forced upon us.
- Americans want to be free of arbitrary authority over our work, family, and political life.
- *What Americans want is to be left alone!* We are naturally selfish. We want to do things whenever, wherever, however, and with whomever we please.

# Journey to Freedom

Life in  
Egypt



Life in  
Promise Land



Life in  
Christ



# Spiritual Emancipation

## Triple Slavery

- **Sin** – We are born into this nature.
- **Death** – We are destined to die because we are mortal.
- **Satan** – We are tempted to go astray.

## Christ has set us free from:

- **Sin** – By his death, Jesus paid the price.
- **Death** – By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death.
- **Satan** – By his resurrection, Jesus overcame Satan's hold on humanity.



# Characteristics of Freedom in Christ

- **Responsibilities** – Our freedom does not come with superior status. We are to serve others.
- **Exclusivity** – Any freedom other than Christ's is a false teaching. Accepting Christ's freedom means rejecting others.
- **Burdens** – We are not guaranteed a bed of roses. Life may be demanding, uncomfortable, or perilous. God is with us. We are to bear the burdens of others in love.

# Galatians 5:7-12



## 1. Running Track



## 2. Court Room



## 3. Kitchen



## 4. Court Room



**Face the cross in your life and  
your life will face in a new direction.**





**What distractions keep  
you from listening to  
Jesus or serving others?**

**Applying the Lesson in Your Life**

# Set Me Free

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlbM99I3gYs>