

# It Sticks with You

*Living With Paradox*

May 7, 2023

## Galatians 6v11-18

11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

18 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

How do you know when it's time to act and when it's time to wait?

In: life, leadership, marriage, friendship, parenting, living out faith, socially, politically, publicly, etc.

One last look at the historical context behind Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

The Jewish Exception

Paul's final instruction to the Galatians

God and Paradox

Living out hard, inconvenient truths  
Vs.  
Called to make Jesus attractive to culture, especially outsiders

How do you discern how God is leading you in a particular circumstance?

Eucharist

God's Spirit and God's People?

**Songs:** Golden Age (Preview), Canons, Constant, Beautiful Things, Myster, Be Thou My Vision

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