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Topic: Studies in Galatians: I Am Afraid For You!
Text: Galatians 4:8-11

1. Paul was not fearful of men. He was afraid **for** them! We cannot be spiritually apathetic. We must be concerned for others. We were once in the bondage of sin, and that was our desperate condition (v8)!

2. God reached out to us, giving us faith to believe in the Lord Jesus (v9). What happened to the Galatian Christians (v9-10)? Why were they actively seeking to be in bondage again? Why did they embrace the “weak and beggarly elements?” These elements refer to the ceremonial elements that had to be observed in the OT.

3. Fear God, not men. We must have a sincere spirit, loving our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ (v11). Paul did not want his labour to be in vain. Be ready to confront erring brethren in love.

*I could never keep my hold, He must hold me fast!
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast! -Robert Harkness*