

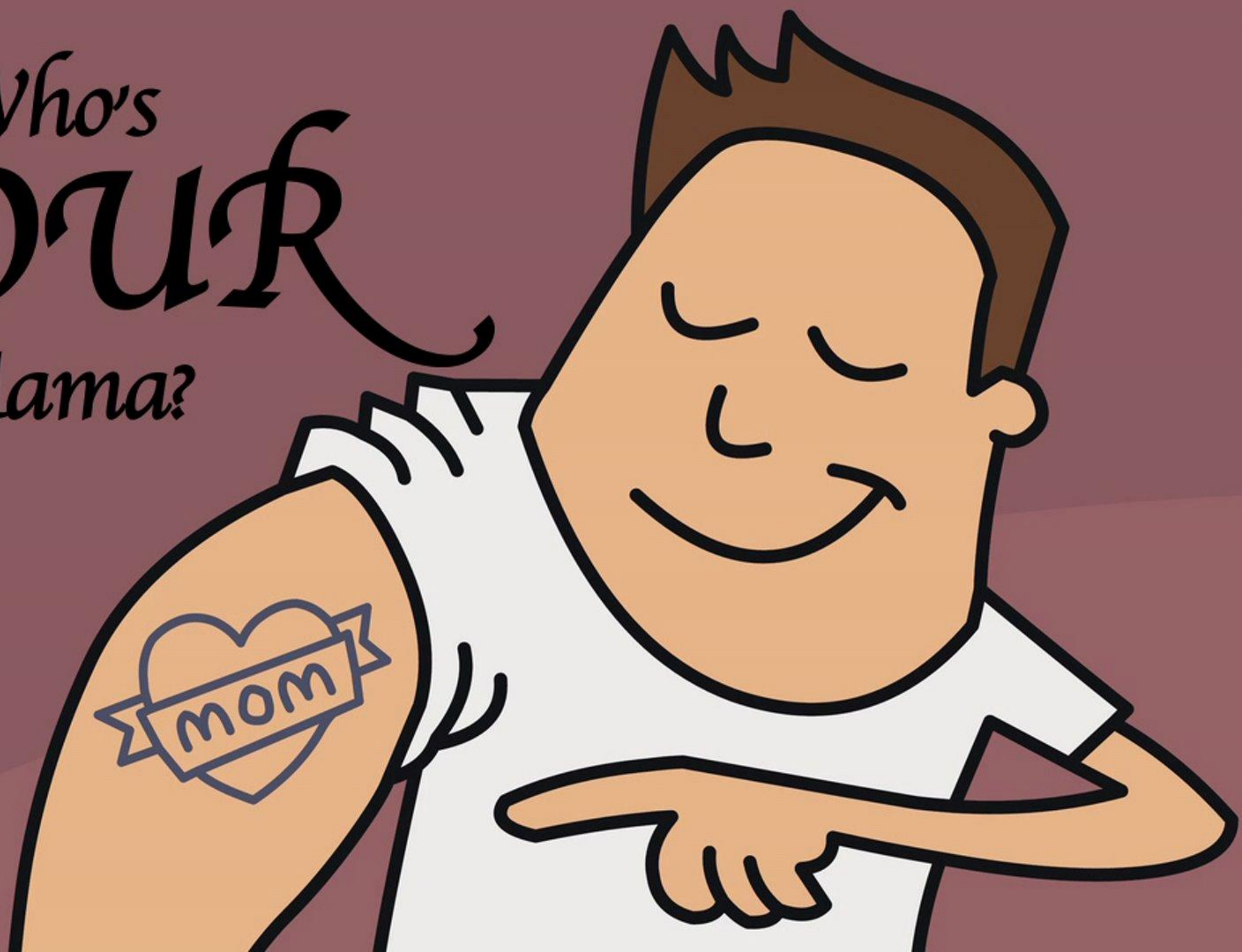
# “Who’s Your Mama?”

Galatians 4:21-31

## History Lesson

Galatians 4:21 Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. <sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

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## Word picture interpretation

<sup>24</sup> These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written:

“Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”

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## Applications

1) *We are children of promise not works.*

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.

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2) *Expect persecution from those who are children of Hagar.*

<sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now.

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3) *Do not compromise with those who do not accept the truth of God’s Word.*

<sup>30</sup> But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

