

SET FREE:
*LIVING IN
THE SPIRIT OF*
GRACE

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF GALATIANS



MP1: Freedom is not... taking off one yoke and replacing it with another

MP2: Freedom is not... running our race towards God, but running our race with God

MP3: Freedom is not... focusing on what we are released from but focusing on what we are released into



Freedom is not... taking off one yoke and replacing it with another

*So Christ has truly set us free.
Now make sure that you stay
free, and don't get tied up again
in slavery to the law
(Galatians 5:1)*

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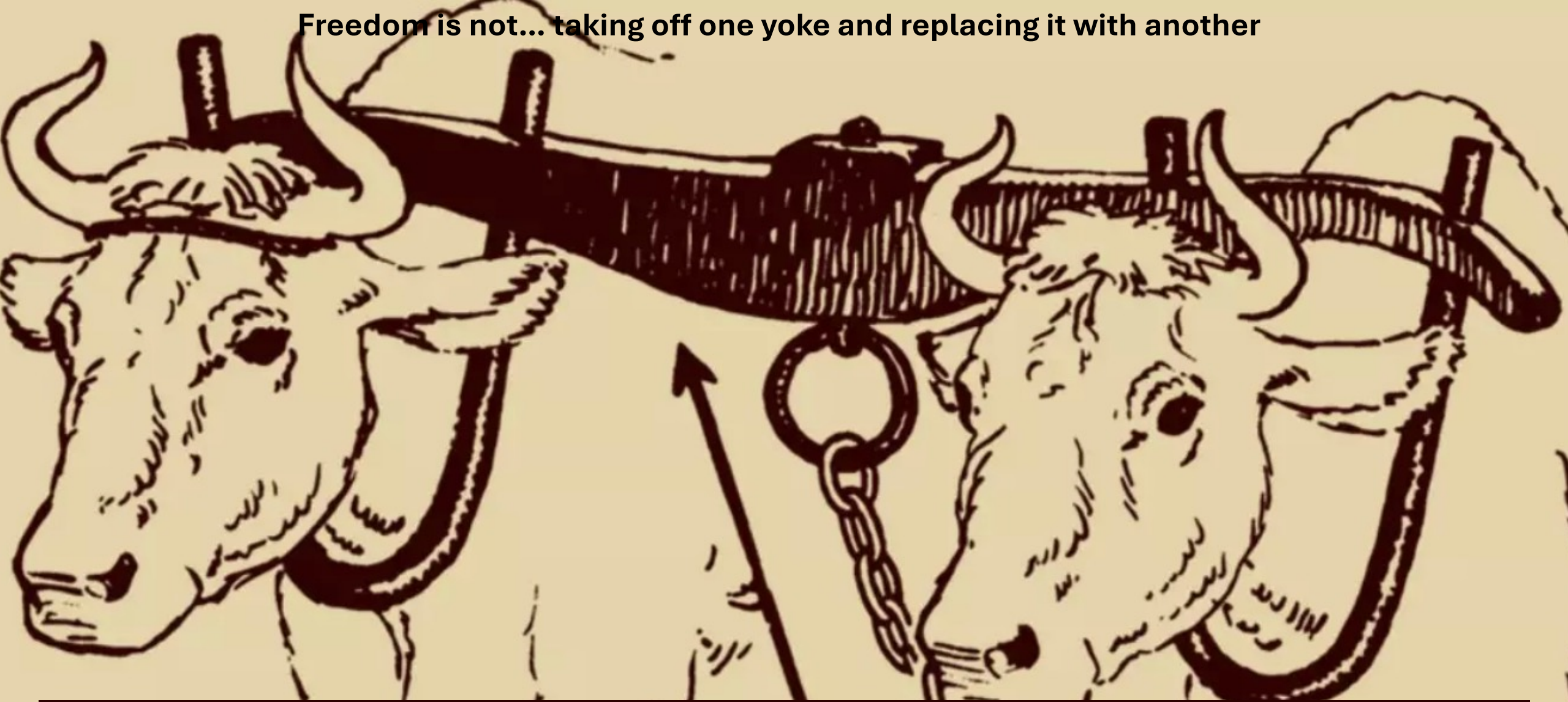
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καὶ	μὴ	πάλιν	ζυγῶ	δουλείας	ἐνέχεσθε .
and	not	again	in a yoke	of slavery	entangle yourselves

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**Ζυγός = zygos=From the root of zeugnumi
(to join, especially by a "yoke")**

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Perspective	View of the 'Yoke'	Key Concept
Jewish Tradition	Positive	Yoke of the Law or Commandments is seen as a joyous privilege rather than a duty, a way to live as God intended
Early Church	Burdensome	Viewed as an oppressive weight that believers are freed from by Christ's grace (Acts 15:10)
Jesus' Teaching	His easy yoke	Jesus invites people to take His yoke which was easy and light compared to the impossibly hard burden of keeping the law in our own strength (Matthew 11:28-30)

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But we who live by the Spirit eagerly wait to receive by faith the righteousness God has promised to us. For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love. (Galatians 5:5/6)

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You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't

God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you.

(Galatians 5: 7-11)

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Visual Talk
Paul

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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. (Galatians 5:13-15)

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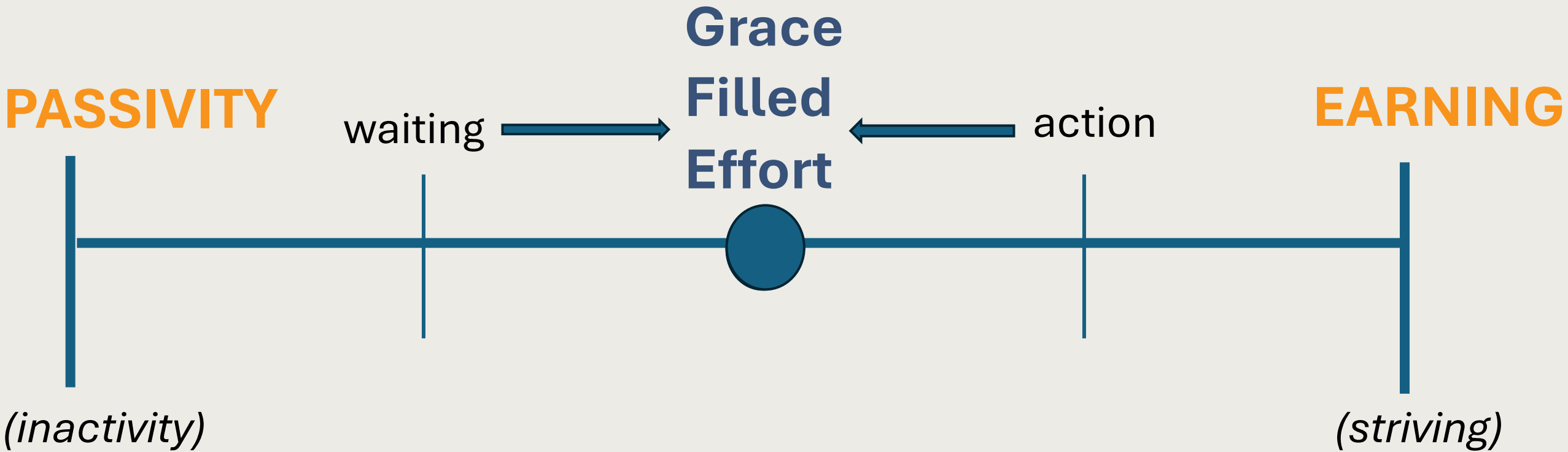
“Grace is not opposed
to effort, it is opposed
to earning.”
Dallas Willard



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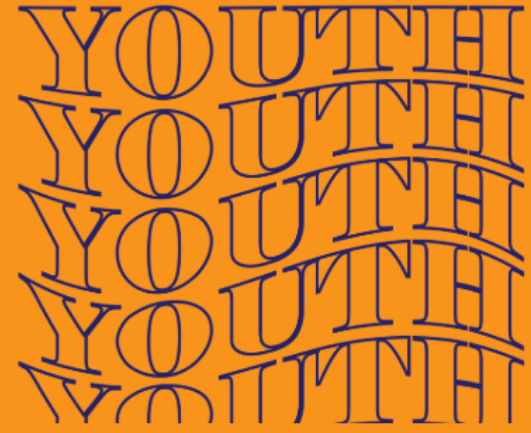
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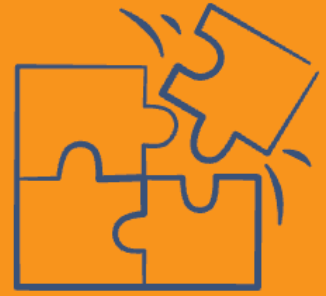
THE SPECTRUM OF EFFORT

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Are you the missing piece?



RESPONSE

- What yoke are you wearing that isn't from God?
- How will you ensure your unique race is run with God?
- What is God releasing you into?



It is for
freedom
that Christ
has set us free.

Galatians 5:1a NIV



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