

# Sermon Notes

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## When Love Hurts | Galatians 4:12-20

For truth to be heard and received:

1. A shared faith in Jesus Christ (v. 12)
2. A proven track-record of rich relationality that is born of brokenness (vv. 13-15)
3. Pure motives (v. 17-18)
4. A felt love and passion for personal spiritual formation (v. 19)
5. Being physically present (v. 20)

What to do when this does NOT work: persevere and pray !

<sup>12</sup> Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. <sup>13</sup> You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, <sup>14</sup> and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup> Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup> They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. <sup>18</sup> It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, <sup>19</sup> my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! <sup>20</sup> I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

- Galatians 4:12-20<sup>ESV</sup>