

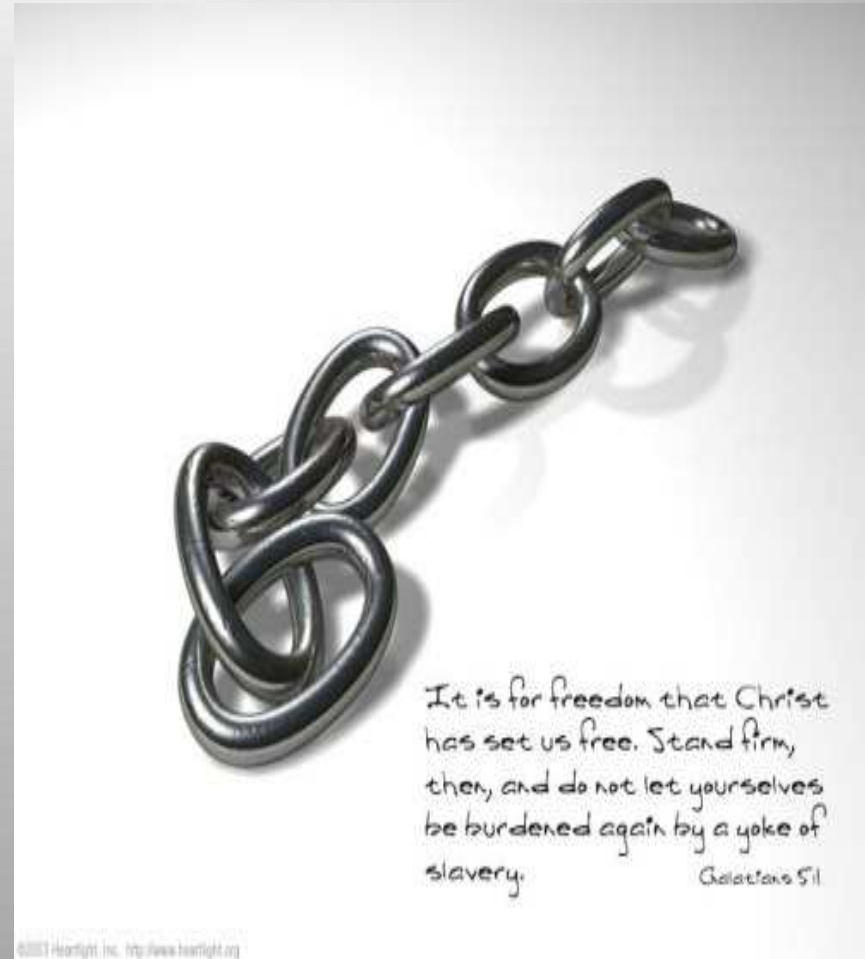


Men Marked for God

By Carl Stauffer

Pierce my Ear

- **Exodus 21:2-6** – Analogy of ear-piercing of Israelite Slaves
- **Philippians 3: 12** – Paul says he was ‘taken hold of’ or apprehended (arrested, captured) by Christ
- **Key Question:** Do we carry the marks of Jesus Christ in our personhood – in our very lives?



Stop Confronting us with the Holy One of Israel - Isaiah 30: 9-11



- Rebellion
- Unable to hear God's voice
- No vision
- Unable to discern right from wrong
- Live an illusion
- Lose your way

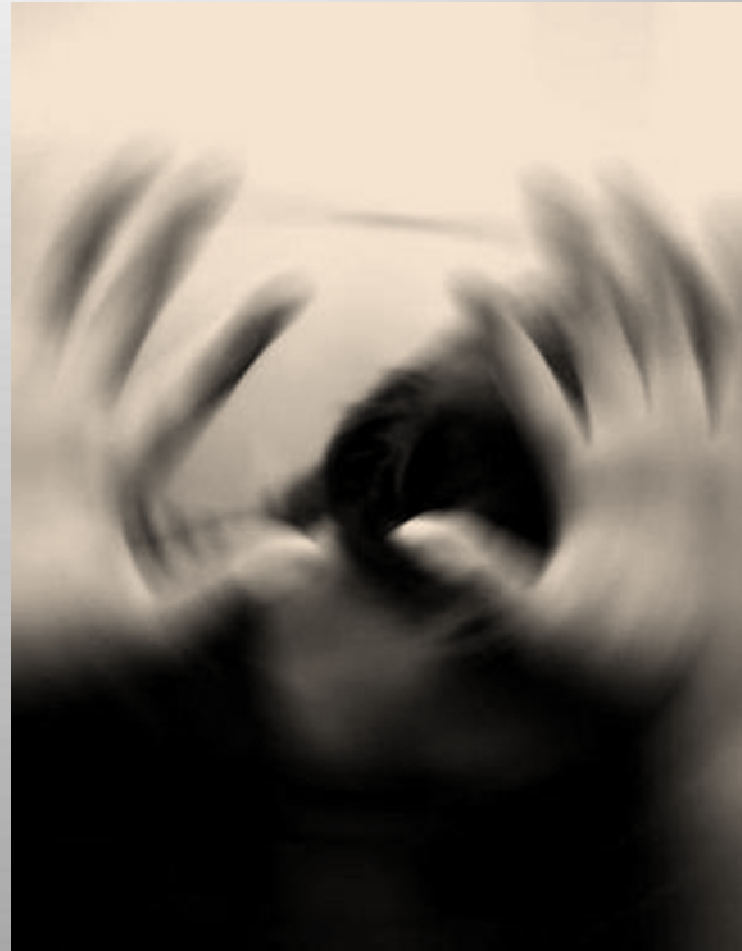
Fast-food Gospel



- ***What if God says,*** “I’m not going to heal you right away because I have something to teach you through this illness?”
- ***What if God says,*** “I’m not going to give you that job, education, income, house, car, etc. now, because I’m still working on your character?”
- ***What if God says,*** “I’m not going to resolve that marriage conflict or work relationship so easily because I still need to deal with your selfishness?”

The Mark of Cain

- God's Protection
(Genesis 4:15)
- Grace for sin - God's
mark of RESTORATION
- A second chance -
God's mark of PURPOSE



The Mark of Jacob



- A 'Limp for Life'
(Genesis 23: 25,31-32)
- Wrestling for control
- God's mark of **SURRENDER**
(Genesis 48:17-19 & Hebrews 11:21)

The Mark of Paul

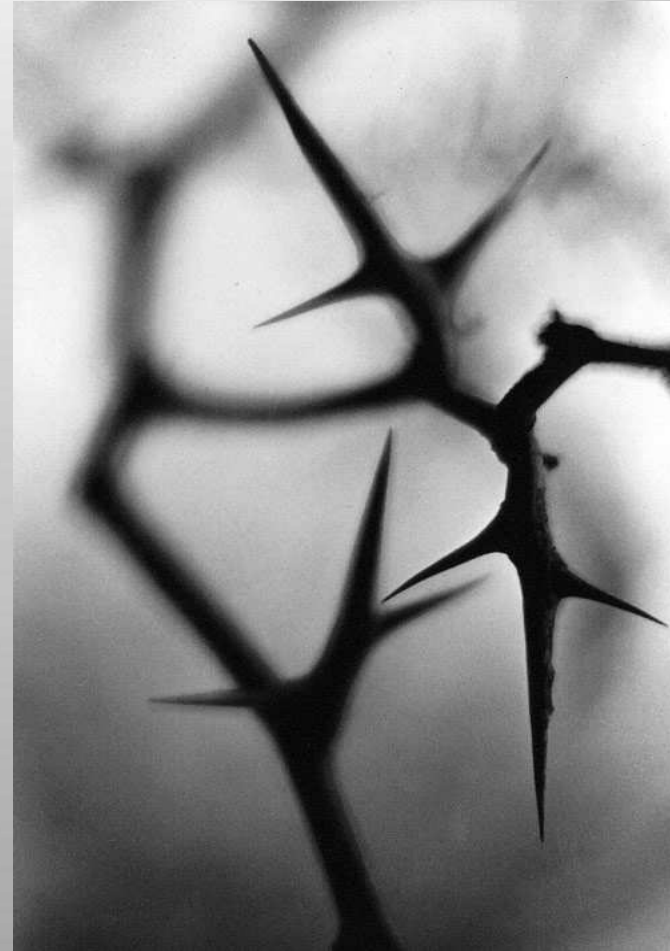
- A '*Thorn in the Flesh*'
(Galatians 6:14-17 &
II Corinthians 12:7-9)

- Dealing with pride

“Unbroken / unbridled success
breeds pride”

- God's mark of HUMILITY

“We concentrate too much
attention on encouraging
personality that we forget about
character!”



Will you ***TRUST*** God?



***Have you
been
MARKED
for God?***