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FOREVER

GALATIANS

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INTRODUCTION

It's easy, almost intuitive even, to live in the short term, the now. However, in Galatians Chapter 6, Paul admonishes the church to not be deceived—to stick with God. Over the long haul, no matter what, we will see God's ways are the best ways. He will work it out. "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season, we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" [Galatians 6:9].

DISCUSSION

1. **Read Galatians 6:7-9.** What are some areas of life people "sow to please their sinful natures"? What does it look like to "sow to please the Spirit"? Share examples of each in your group and discuss the effects these types of "sowings" have on faith.
2. Where in your life have you seen God's faithfulness over the last few years? How has this encouraged you?
3. Sometimes we need to experience short-term losses for long-term gains. Share an example of this from your life with your group. Was it worth the "loss" for the "gain"?

THINK ABOUT IT

People may mock you and God for your decisions and convictions. If or when that happens, know you're on the right path! "Don't be weary in doing good" [Galatians 6:9]. However, people will try to live like they are being faithful to what God wants in the long term while doing whatever they want in the short term. Don't be deceived; it doesn't work that way. You must choose to stick with God. Such is the battle for us.

DO SOMETHING

1. One of the encouragements we get in Galatians is to bear the burdens of each other, especially those in the family of God [Galatians 6:2]. Be intentional—find someone in your circle who is struggling, and individually or as a group, walk beside them and help bear their burdens.
2. We are also encouraged to "do good," especially to other believers [Galatians 6:10]. Be a blessing! Find a believer whom you can bless—babysit their children for a date night, provide a meal or a gas card, send a note of encouragement, etc.
3. Reflect on where you are with your long-term journey with God. Are there short-term goals which are not part of God's long-term plan for your life? Pray God will show you those areas which you may need to sacrifice or remove from your life.

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