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READ: GALATIANS 2:11-21

WITHOUT THE CONTEXT OF THE REST OF THIS LETTER, IT MIGHT SEEM THAT PAUL IS POWER TRIPPING.

YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN SOMEONE (OR MIGHT EVEN BE SOMEONE) WHO HAS THAT WEIRD BRAG OF "THEN I GAVE THEM A PIECE OF MIND" TO WHICH WE ALL ROLL OUR EYES AND THINK SARCASTICALLY, YOU ARE SOOOOO AWESOME. THAT IS NOT WHAT PAUL IS DOING.

WHAT WAS PETER DOING? (V12)

WHAT WAS ITS IMPACT? (V13)

WHAT COULD THAT LEAD TO PEOPLE BELIEVING? (V16)

PAUL QUALIFIES THE AGE-OLD ARGUMENT (WHICH WAS BRAND NEW AT THIS POINT).

IF THERE IS GRACE, WON'T THAT JUST MEAN THAT PEOPLE WILL DO WHAT THEY LIKE?

PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE FULL OF GRACE ARE ASSUMED TO BE PERMISSIVE ALSO.

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A TRUE REVELATION OF GRACE MAKES PERMISSIVENESS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

THE THOUGHT OF SQUANDERING GRACE IN SUCH A WAY IS HEART BREAKING TO THE PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED THAT BEAUTIFUL GIFT.

CONCLUSION: WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT NOTH-ING WE CAN DO CAN MAKE US RIGHT; BUT HAVING BEEN MADE RIGHT, WE LOVE HIM AND LIVE OUT OF GRATITUDE – OUR THOUGHTS, OUR FEELINGS, OUR DESIRES – ALL TO HONOUR GOD.

WHERE ARE YOU MORE LIKELY TO ERR? GOOD WORKS TO MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A BETTER CHRISTIAN?

OR SQUANDERING HIS GRACE BY IGNORING HIS BEST PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE?

CONFESS THAT NOW, AND ASK GOD TO HELP YOU WITH IT.

