

The Sound of Freedom #3 -- Gal. 1:11–2:10

LOOK ME IN THE EYE

“Look me in the eye!” Have you ever said that to someone?

When do you say that? Why do you say it?



Have you ever watched a loved one heading towards a mistake you’ve already made?

Does your tone change when the danger gets greater?

Paul’s words are strong, but behind them is deep sincerity. He’s coming on strong because he deeply cares. In these next verses, Paul continues to defend and confirm both his authority as an apostle and the divine origin of the gospel he preaches.

GRACE RECEIVED 1:13-16a

Paul reminds them of his own story. He’s familiar with the motives of the Judaizers because he once traveled that same path. Paul was once zealous for Judaism and convinced he was serving God...but then God’s amazing grace broke through and changed everything. The man who once persecuted the church became a living example of the gospel of grace he now preached. (Acts 26:10-18, 1Tim1:12-17)



GOSPEL RECEIVED 1:11-12, 16b-24

Paul didn’t invent his gospel. He didn’t inherit it from tradition or learn it from the other apostles. It came straight from the Source. The same Jesus who called Paul also revealed to him the gospel he was called to proclaim. This wasn’t Paul’s truth—it was God’s truth.



AFFIRMATION RECEIVED 2:1-10

Paul was crystal clear that his message and mission was entrusted to him by God, that didn’t mean he operated in isolation. Paul humbly submits his message before the pillars of the early church in Jerusalem, and they added nothing to it. And with the right hand of fellowship, they affirmed both the message and the messenger. Same gospel. Same mission.



Who or what has the loudest voice in my life right now? Is it aligned with the gospel? What evidence is there that God’s word is the authority base of my life?

What am I still believing—or holding onto—that could pull me away from the *freedom* I have in Christ?

