

THE WORD TRAINING – SESSION 3 – PERSONALIZATION - EXAMPLE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Walvoord	Gal. 2:1-2	2:3-5	2:6-9	2:10-11	2:12-14	2:15-18	2:19-21

CONTEXT: From your commentary, document the book’s overall context if you are starting a new book of the Bible.

Importance: A defense of Christian liberty against any form of legalism.

Authorship: Pauline authorship based on internal (Galatians) and external (church fathers) evidence.

Original Readers: The churches in Galatia. North Galatia vs. South Galatia debate (see map below).

Time & Place: Approximately A.D. 48, likely the earliest New Testament book written.

Purpose: To discredit the Judaizers who were promoting a false gospel. Paul supported a true doctrine of grace.

TRANSFORMATION (Listening): 5 minutes per day. Read your daily verse (before reading the commentary) then Listen to God and write down what He reveals or says to you...

BELIEFS: Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy beliefs. Listen for Truth to modify your beliefs.

The enemy tries to make me **believe** that I am not good enough, but God declares that I am righteous. (v.16)

THOUGHTS: Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy thoughts. Listen for Truth to modify your thoughts.

I was brought up to **think** that people in need should be self-sufficient. However, *servicing others* financially helps decrease human suffering, promotes unity, and influences others with God’s love. (v. 10)

EMOTIONS: Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy emotions. Listen for Truth to modify your emotions.

I often feel **inferior** around those who seem “to be important,” but the fact is that, as Christians, we are all *united in Christ*. (v. 6)

ACTIONS: Listen for God to reveal any unhealthy actions. Listen for Truth to modify your actions.

Paul built trust by clarifying expectations to the Jerusalem leaders to not undermine his ministry, I also need to **actively** engage in *clarifying expectations* to build trust with those around me. (v. 2). My beliefs and behavior need to be consistent. (v. 15).

INFORMATION (Learning): 5-10 Minutes per day. What new information did you learn? What questions occurred?

Day 1 (1-2): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

Paul, in response to a prompting by God, visited the other apostles in Jerusalem clarifying expectations of preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles to decrease the risk of the Judaizers hindering his ministry.

Day 2 (3-5): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

The Judaizers tried to force Christians to follow the Law and ceremonies, but Paul explains that the truth of the Gospel declares that adding anything to faith as a means of salvation is bondage.

Day 3 (6-9): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

The Judaizers apparently put Paul and James on an inappropriate pedestal, but then argues that regardless, they supported Paul’s mission to the Gentiles, a division of labor – Paul to Gentiles, Peter/James to Jews.

Day 4 (10-11): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal.

The leaders encouraged Paul to raise money for the poor. Then Paul discusses his opposition to Peter.

Day 5 (12-14): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal. Paul explains that Peter was separating himself from the Gentiles out of fear of what his Jewish friends would think. Paul then argues that Peter was being hypocritical. Paul's accusation of heresy pertained to a lack of focus on grace.

Day 6 (15-18): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal. Paul explains Jews and Gentiles are saved by faith. Then verse 16 says we are justified – declared righteous – by faith (important verse!). The Judaizers argued that grace leads to sin...Paul counters that if grace leads to sin, then Jesus promotes disobedience – an absurd proposition.

Day 7 (19-21): Now read the commentary and summarize the information and questions below or in your journal. Transformation comes through faith by being in union with Christ. Christ lives in me. His presence in me declares me righteous – this all happens because of faith, not works, and moves me toward obedience.

PERSONALIZATION: (Talking): 5 minutes per day. After reading the commentary do the following:

A – ADORATION: Spend a few minutes praising God for who He is and what He is doing.
I praise you God for uniting me with Christ and declaring me righteous. (v.16-20).

C – CONFESSION: Tell God the things you are struggling with and areas of your life that need confessed.
I confess that I often do not focus on serving those in need because of my personal selfishness (v.10).

T – THANKSGIVING: Thank God for what He has done, your growth, your challenges etc.
I thank you God for my opponents. Just as Paul's opponents strengthened his mind and faith, my opponents can do the same for me. (v.17-18).

S - SUPPLICATION: Ask God for those things that you know align with His will (in His Word) as well as personal items
I pray Lord, that you will open my eyes to what you want to reveal to me this week and give me the courage to join you in Your work. (v. 2).

