

September 3, 2023



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Galatians 1:10



In Ministry

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## Galatians 1:10-12

10 Am I trying to win over human beings or God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I wouldn't be Christ's slave.

11 Brothers and sisters, I want you to know that the gospel I preached isn't human in origin.

12 I didn't receive it or learn it from a human. It came through a revelation from Jesus Christ.

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Message:

## "The Quaker Way: Cutting Through the Religious Red Tape"

**Open Worship:** In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

**Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" 359

**Benediction:**

**Postlude**

Thoughts for Reflection:

"It cannot be too clearly stated that what early Friends intended was a truly radical experiment. George Fox proposed to cut straight through all the religious red tape. If anything seemed artificial and unnecessary, the young shoemaker's apprentice determined to dispense with it, no matter how precious it might have been at other times or how glorified by tradition. Naked reality was what he sought." (Elton Trueblood)

"This is all that I have learned: God made us plain and simple, but we have made ourselves very complicated." (Ecclesiastes 7:29, Good News Translation)

# High Point Friends Meeting

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Prelude:

Great Is the Lord

*As the music begins, we invite Friends to settle into a silence that serves to prepare us for our time of worship. Welcome the music to gather us together as a faith community at worship.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, when our lives get complicated, show us the way of simplicity that leads to peace, calm, and abundance. Help us not to make Your love for us so complicated, but to receive Your grace and love with an open heart and soul. Help us to remember, this morning, of Your gracious kindness and grace towards us. Amen."

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 34

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory:

I Stand In Awe

Scripture:

Galatians 1:10-12

Hymn: "'Mid All the Traffic of the Ways" (see insert)

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