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Galatians 3:1
O foolish Galatians!

Galatians 1:14
I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people...

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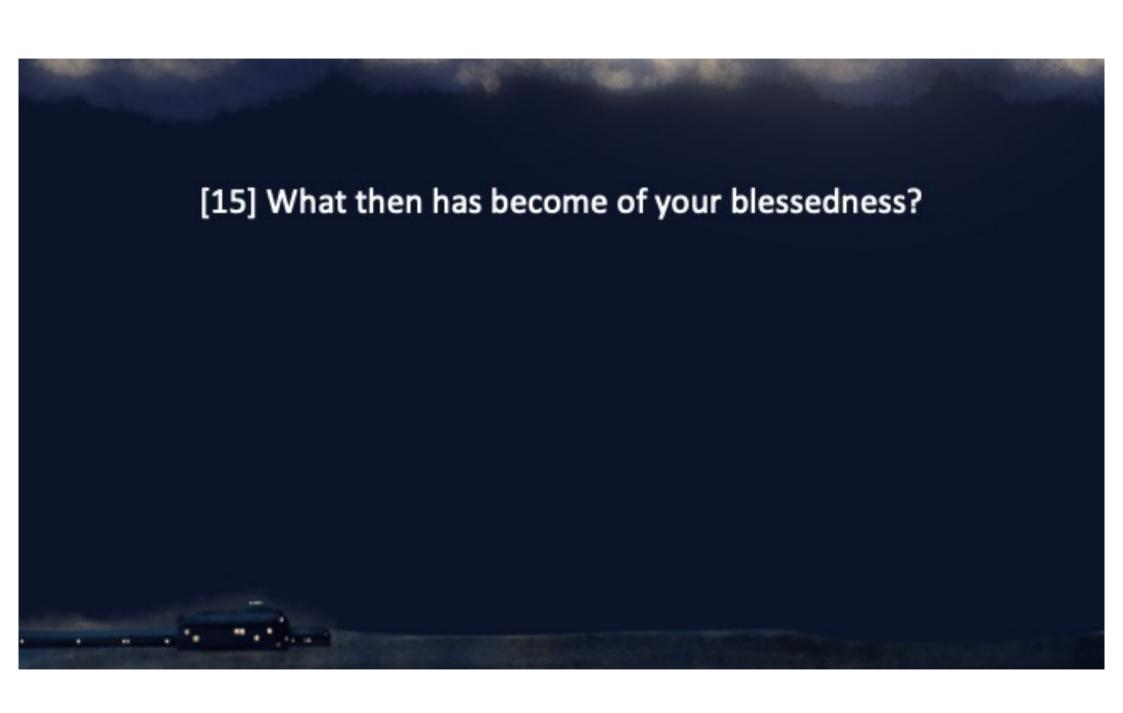
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(obey the law in one's own strength for justification)

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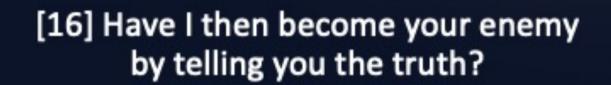
"The difficulty of diagnosing the case of a living patient should warn us of the futility of attempting it for one who has been dead almost 1900 years." [14] and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

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[12] ... You did me no wrong.



[15] What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

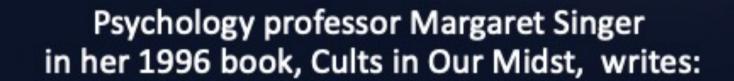


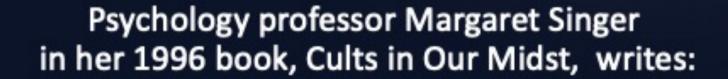
Galatians 1:7
... there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.



## CULTS, RELIGION, AND LOVE BOMBING

Love bombing is an attempt to <u>influence</u> a person by demonstrations of attention and affection.





As soon as any interest is shown by the recruits, they may be love bombed by the recruiter or other cult members.

# Psychology professor Margaret Singer in her 1996 book, Cults in Our Midst, writes:

Love bombing is a coordinated effort, usually under the direction of leadership, that involves long-term members' flooding recruits and newer members with flattery, verbal seduction, affectionate but usually nonsexual touching, and lots of attention to their every remark.

### Recruitment tactic: "love bombing"







Rushes to recruit you

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Then, when the hooks were in, trust and dependency were established, and other abuses began.

[17] They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. [18] It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you,

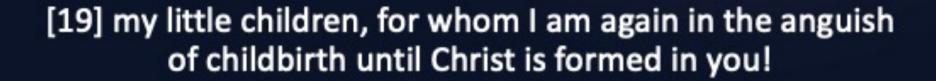
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[11] I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

[20] I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

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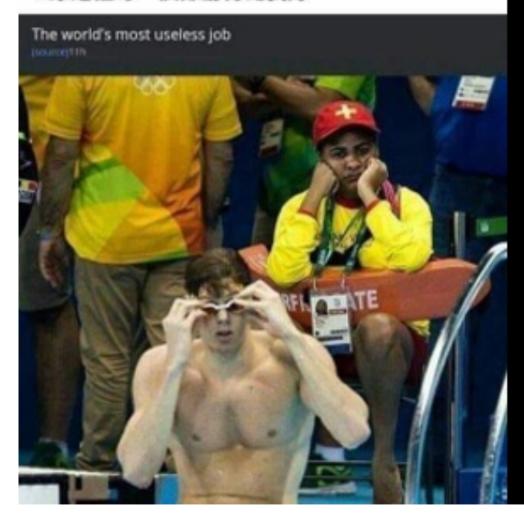
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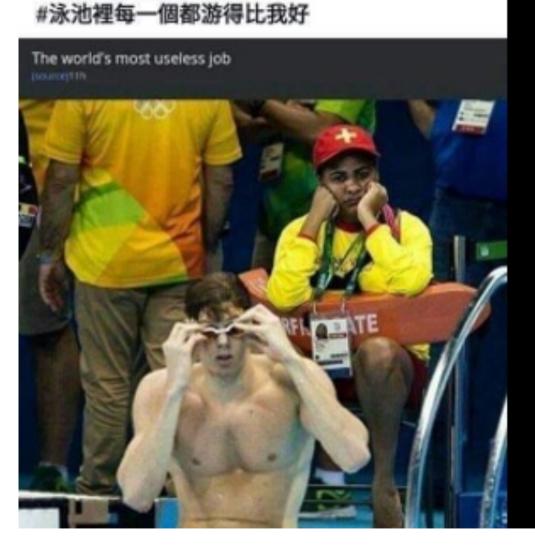
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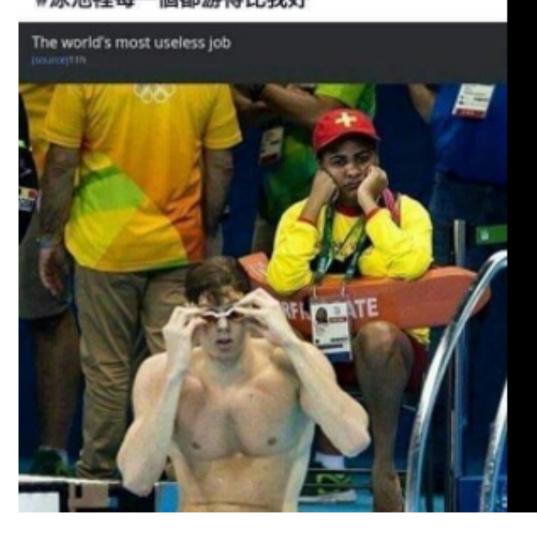
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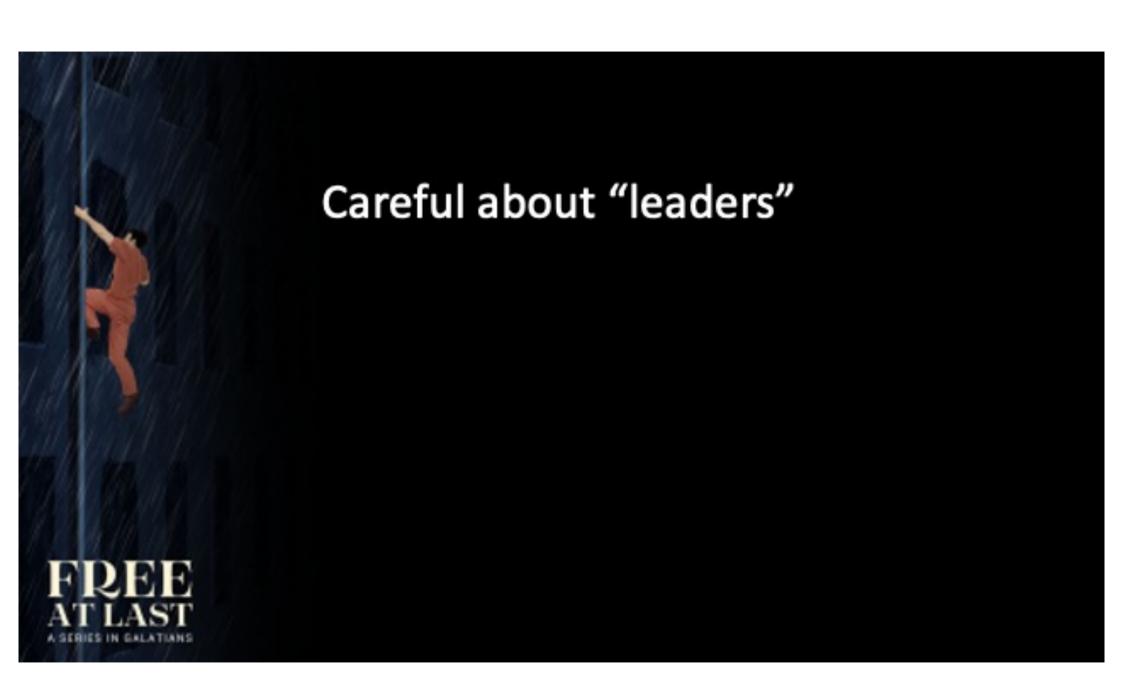
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#what am I doing here?!!
#They all swim better than me

# 1.Centred on the Gospel2. Concerned for their Good



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# He must increase, but I must decrease.

John the Baptist



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"When they're little, they step on your toes;

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"When they're little, they step on your toes; but when they're grown, they step on your heart."

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