True Freedom

Galatians 5:1 – "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free…"
Galatians 5:13 - "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."
Galatians 5:16 – "I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

I.   Opening: 3 sketches of freedom
   a. Prosperity
   b. Homosexual lifestyle and transgender expression
   c. Carnal living as a "Christian"

II.   Definition of Freedom:
   a. World Definition: The dictionary definition according to Google is, "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint."
   b. Biblical Definition: Freedom is living as we should, as we were designed by our creator to live, not however we please.

III. What True Freedom is not:
   a. It is not freedom from everything (Eph. 2:10, Titus 2:12, Galatians 2:16)
   b. It is not a license to keep sinning (Rom. 6)
   c. It is not complete freedom from our flesh and sin nature on this side of heaven (Romans 7, Galatians 5:17)
   d. It is not impossible (Romans 8:1-4,12-17, John 8: 34-36)

IV.   What Freedom is:
   a. Freedom from:
        i.   Bondage to sin
        ii.   Bondage to religion
        iii. Judgement
        iv.   Punishment
        v.   Death
        vi.   Fear of Death
   b. Freedom to:
        i.   Live out our true design in the power of The Holy Spirit for God's Glory and our maximum joy! (1 Cor. 3:17-18)
        ii.   Train Track Analogy

V.   Now What?
   a. Living in freedom does not give us the license to sin against God or hurt others.
   b. True freedom produces love for God and others. (Galatians 5:13-16, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, 8-10)
   c. 1 Peter 2:16, "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God." ESV