



True Freedom

Overarching Scripture concept

Galatians 5:1:

It was for freedom that Christ set us free.

Provocative C.S. Lewis quote

“God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better but like turning a horse into a winged creature.”

Freedom Verses

John 15

5 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 8

34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

2 Corinthians 5

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

My Response

- What do I want to say to God?
- What do I believe God is saying to me?
- What is a next step I can take?

Bible Reading for this week:

Sunday, July 5	1 Timothy 2
Monday, July 6	1 Timothy 3
Tuesday, July 7	1 Timothy 4
Wednesday, July 8	1 Timothy 5
Thursday, July 9	1 Timothy 6
Friday, July 10	2 Timothy 1
Saturday, July 11	2 Timothy 2

Next Step/Discussion Questions

Understanding that you and I are free because of the sacrifice of Jesus is one thing, but how exactly are we supposed to live? This is an important question. In the middle of 1 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul (who understood the implications of the freedom purchased by Jesus very clearly) begins talking to a group of early Christians who lived in the middle of Corinth about ways that he personally has tried to figure out how to live in the freedom in a way that brings life and flourishing. Read Paul's conclusions that are peppered like advice through 1 Corinthians 6, 8 and 10. What is Paul saying to these early Christians? What do these verses mean in your own life?

1 Corinthians 6:12 – "Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "Everything is permissible for me" — but I will not be mastered by anything.

1 Corinthians 8:13 - "Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall."

1 Corinthians 10:23 - "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 – **Does it give offense to Jew, the Gentile, or the church** Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.