

Breaking the Chains

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) says “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift from God”.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) says “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here”.

Philippians 2:12 (NIV): “Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation in fear and trembling”.

How to Walk out of the Jail Cell

(4 Lessons learned on my way to Freedom)

1: Change the way you think

Romans 12:2 (NLT) says “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect”.

Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV) says, “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”.

Proverbs 18:21 (Message) says, Words kill; words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV): **We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

Ephesians 6:17 (NIV) says **“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”**. When you start speaking the truth of God found in his word instead of the lies of the deceiver, you’ll hear the first tumble of the lock to begin to open.

2: Stop Seeking Approval

1st Samuel 16:7 NIV **“Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”**

3: Embrace the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV) says, **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call”**.

Luke 11:13 (NLT) says **“So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”**

John 21:6 (NIV) Jesus tells his disciples “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. And when they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”

4: Be Quick to Forgive

Philippians 1:6 says (NLT) “and I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns”.