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- Find Freedom in Sacrifice** ~ I will look for ways in which I can **make a greater difference in the world around me** through sacrifice, generosity, and giving and then enjoy the freedom that results from such obedience!

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MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
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MONEY
FINDING FINANCIAL FREEDOM

Message Talk Sheet

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SERIES: 2023 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Today's Message:

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"Faith, Joy & Finances"
Finding Financial Freedom
(Part 1)

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15



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Message Talk Sheet (Continued...)

Our 2023 Theme: _____ !

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- Paul's Church Plants – on his 2nd Missionary Journey: Philippi (Acts 16:12–40), Thessalonica (Acts 17:1–9), and Berea (Acts 17:10–15).



_____ Flows From A Heart of Self-Sacrifice, Not Self-Preservation.

- 1 John 2:15-17 ~ "Do not love the world or the things in the world..."
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