

NEXT - Part 2 - Find Freedom Pastor Mark Rouse - Sunday, January 12

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. - Proverbs 29:18 *(The Message)*

We exist to lead people to become all-in followers of Jesus.

- Know God.
- Find Freedom.
- Discover Purpose.
- Serve the World.

⁶ "Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in

Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. ⁸ I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the Lord!'" - Exodus 6:6-8

Finding Freedom in Christ is NOT...

- Freedom from <u>TEMPTATION</u>.
- Freedom from <u>SPIRITUAL BATTLE</u>.
- Freedom from <u>OBEDIENCE</u> to Jesus.

The Truth Will Set You Free (John 8:31-47)

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32

1) Acknowledge the <u>TRUTH</u>.

"But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?" - John 8:33

⁴³ Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me!... ⁴⁵ So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me!... ⁴⁷ Anyone who belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. But you don't listen because you don't belong to God." - John 8:43, 45, 47

2) Reject the <u>LIES</u>.

For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. - John 8:44

3) Remember God's <u>GRACE</u>.

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. - John 8:36

4) Keep running the <u>RACE</u>.

⁷ You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth?⁸ It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. - Galatians 5:7-8