

Never Walk Alone Freedom

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Genesis 2:18 "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that **Christ has set us free. Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back everything is different... C.S. Lewis

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to **demolish strongholds**. 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.

Stronghold = A prisoner locked by deception. Living life by something that is not true.

Symptoms of Strongholds:

- ✓ Steal our focus.
- ✓ Cause us to feel controlled.
- ✓ Consume our emotional energy.

- ✓ Distract us from our purpose.
- ✓ Rob us of abundant life.

2 Timothy 2:26 ...they will **come to their senses** and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Luke 11:21-22 For when a strong man is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are safe— until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons, and carries off his belongings.

How do we walk in Freedom?

1. Take back my thought life.

Romans 8:5-6 (NLT) Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace.

Key Thought: What I starve dies...what I feed thrives.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) 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.

2. Identify the lie.

John 8:44 "...When (the devil) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

3. Replace the lie with God's truth.

Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... (Take) the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray...

How do we do this?

- ✓ The Word of God.
- ✓ Prayer.

Walk Away: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36