

# LIBERATED

— A MESSAGE OF FREEDOM —

## LIBERATED, PART 1: LIBERATED FROM FAKENESS

This is not a call to rebel or fight healthy growth and discipline. This is a call to find your God-given personality, your God-given voice, and your God-given gifts and then unleash them on the world for God's glory. You can only stay stealth for so long.

**BIG IDEA: Hiding in fear leads to fakeness. Walking in freedom leads to purpose.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever stifled your personality to fit in with the crowd? Have you ever tried to “fake it til’ you make it”? Why? How’d that work out?
2. With your Bible or Bible App, read Acts 26:19-27

*And so, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do. Some Jews arrested me in the Temple for preaching this, and they tried to kill me. But God has protected me right up to this present time so I can testify to everyone, from the least to the greatest. I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said would happen— that the Messiah would suffer and be the first to rise from the dead, and in this way announce God's light to Jews and Gentiles alike. Suddenly, Festus shouted, “Paul, you are insane. Too much study has made you crazy!” But Paul replied, “I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is the sober truth. And King Agrippa knows about these things. I speak boldly, for I am sure these events are all familiar to him, for they were not done in a corner! King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do—” Agrippa interrupted him. “Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian so quickly?” Paul replied, “Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that both you and everyone here in this audience might become the same as I am, except for these chains.”*

*Acts 26:19-27 (NLT)*

3. How does this chapter illustrate Paul's confidence in his identity in Christ?
4. When fear and insecurity grip our lives, we tend to create self-imposed boundaries that limit our freedom, joy, potential, and dreams. In what areas of your life do you tend to experience insecurity?
5. Where do you think this insecurity comes from? What types of boundaries have you created to cope with this insecurity? How have these boundaries limited you?
6. During the message Carlo taught that if we want to be free from insecurities we must learn two attitudes from Paul:
  - God has shaped me for a purpose.
  - What God says about me outweighs the opinion of others.
7. Do you believe this? How can knowing this free you from your insecurities?
8. What are some of the things God says about you? How can knowing these things free you from your insecurities?
9. What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message?

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What do you feel God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? In other words, what's your next

step?

Carlo shared an acronym that can help you discover who God created you to be. Work through this during the week. Then discuss what you learned during your next meeting. Don't forget to be praying for one another!

S-Spiritual Gifts

H-Heart: If I could do something about one thing in this world what would it be?

A-Abilities: What are your natural abilities, talents you have developed over your life time?

P-Personality: Are you task or people oriented? Introverted or extroverted? How did God create you?

E-Experiences: What are the significant experiences of your life that have shaped who you are, your values, your passions?