



You Decide // Genesis 2:16

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Freedom is a Journey!

So the goal of this teaching is for you to be...**Free In Every Area of Your Life.**

- Spiritually Free
- Emotionally Free
- Financially Free
- Psychologically Free

Let's define FREEDOM according to PMJ

Freedom is the **ability** to **BE** what GOD called you, the **conviction** to **DO** what GOD told you, and the **wisdom** to **CHOOSE** what's God's will for my life. ~PMJ

Simplified: Freedom is the ability to BE, DO and CHOOSE.

Freedom involves Deliverance & Discipleship

- You Can't Disciple A Demon & Cast out Flesh!

John 8:36 (NASB) ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be **free indeed**.

Context is Crucial! Most can quote **John 8:36**, but few know why the statement was made!

John 8:34 (NIV)

³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who **sins** is a slave to sin."



In other words...

Man **continues to commit sin**. It is his habit, his practice to sin. He is a **SLAVE** to sin! He can't stop sinning.

Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible - Commentary - The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible - John.

The gift of God is...**Freedom From Sin.**

Genesis 4:7 (NLT)

⁷ You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, **eager to control you**. But you must subdue it and be its master."

Romans 6:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ Don't you realize that you become the **slave of whatever you choose to obey?** You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

Romans 6:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ Well then, since God's **grace has set us free** from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not!

Jesus warned man. A slave is not a permanent member of a family, but the Son is. The slave has no rights and no claims to privileges within the family. He is a slave and can be rejected and cast out of the house anytime, but not the Son. **The Son is always the Son.** It is He that has all the **rights and privileges** to the house. However, there is a way the slave can become a member of the house. **The Son can free the slave and ask the Father to adopt him**, and if the Son makes the slave free, the slave is free indeed.

- **John 3:16 isn't a Nursery Rhyme it's a Freedom Document!**

Because of Christ, Freedom Is Available

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ Then God said, "**Let Us make** man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:27-28 (NASB)

²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ **God blessed them**; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over



the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God Blessed Them, Gave Them Authority & Assignment!

WHAT DOES FREEDOM LOOK LIKE! Walk like...

I know I'm Blessed, I Have Authority & Walking in my assignment!

MAN HAS FREEDOM!!!!!!

Pastor if Freedom is Available, **Why Don't I Feel Free?**

Luke 9:23 (NASB)

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself**, and **take up his cross daily** and **follow Me**."

What's the **1st Freedom God gave** man...Freedom of **Choice**

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Freedom & Bondage start and end with a **Choice!**



A lot of people are busy rebuking a devil that didn't make the decision! The Devil gives Options, You Make the Decisions.

Lord Make Me...Free from **Disobedience**

1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT)

²² But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! **Obedience is better than sacrifice**, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.

The Best Gift You can Give GOD is...**Obedience**.

One thing above all others pleases God and makes a person acceptable to God: obedience, devotion to the Lord. **God wants a heart of devotion, a heart that is set upon obedience.**

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To obey is better than sacrifice. **Sacrifice is important, but it is acceptable only when it is brought to the Lord with a heart of devotion, a heart of obedience.**

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Your gift has to match your heart!

Either you have a Heart of Obedience **or** Heart of Disobedience.

- A heart of Disobedience taints whatever you offer God!
- Disobedience hinders my Worship!

When I'm operating in Disobedience, I respond to worship in
Guilt not Gratefulness

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**Disobedience produces Rebellion,
and Rebellion causes Rejection!**

Today is one of the most important days of your life! Today you're going to leave understanding...**Freedom Is A Choice.**

I choose...**Obedience.** This year, you have to choose **Obedience to the Will of GOD & My Man of God!**

2 Chronicles 20:20 (NASB)

²⁰ They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."

Prophet - Transliterated Word: *nabi* (611c)

Definition: a spokesman, speaker, prophet:--

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Major Goals:

- Live for God
- Bring People to God
- Give to God

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