

## Freedom- Week 3

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.

Galatians 5:1

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27

### 1. CHOOSE YOUR FOUNDATION

- Firm foundation: the word, ways and presence of God/ firm footing/ higher view/ sureness/ elevated life/ place of sonship and daughter ship
- Shifting sands: my works/ the culture/ constantly changing/ keeps me down/ keeps me focused on working harder to stand firm
- There's no room for others on a sandy foundation.
- Building on the sand means spending all my time focusing on me, working on shoring up my own foundation.
- Building on the solid foundations makes space for others- my life becomes a place where others can rest & find their own foundation

### 2. DO THE WORK.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup>And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32 NLT

For if you embrace the truth, it will release true freedom into your life.

John 8:32 (TPT)

- This is the part we don't like. We've got to put the work in.
- This is discipleship- working out our salvation (Philippians 2:12)
- Salvation is instant- sanctification is a process
- We can't keep doing the same things expecting a different result
- If you want to have a rock foundation, replace the sandy thoughts with the Word of God (replacement principle)

### 3. SPEAK THE NAME.

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you...

Romans 8:11

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.<sup>14</sup> Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.

Romans 8:15-17a

- We were created for more.
- We are co-heirs with Christ.
- Does it look like Jesus yet? Then it's not over.
- DO NOT accept less than God's best for you, your loved ones, your circle of influence.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor

and gave him the name above all other names,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

- Stand on the rock. Speak His name.
- You are a co-heir of Christ- open up your mouth and speak Heaven's realities into existence.
- DON'T SETTLE

CLOSING:

-Meet Jesus so you can get off the sand and get onto the rock  
-Realize your place- your Heavenly Father has made you His child...rest in that place, then do the work. Close your eyes & hear what the Bible says about you...  
...But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance", enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!"

Romans 8:15b-16 (TPT)

- What situation in your life do you need to open up your mouth about and speak His name?  
Where have you been silent and you need to make some noise?