



Free to Live

A Sunday teaching series at King's

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Series Description

This series, from the book of Galatians, is for those who are wanting to live their life in a place of freedom; free from annoying & harmful habits, addictions, and free to enjoy life and relationships. We'll explain where this freedom is found and how you can walk in it.

Dates & Themes

15th Jan	Gospel gone wrong
22nd Jan	From terrorist to evangelist
5th Feb	Good News for all, including the poor
12th Feb	The life I now live
19th Feb	The key to spiritual life
26th Feb	Promised, paid & delivered
5th Mar	Slaves & orphans to sons & daughters
12th Mar	Old habits die hard
19th Mar	True freedom to love others
2nd Apr	A new way of living
9th Apr	Generous hearted living

Recommended Reading

[Tim Keller](#) | [Galatians For You](#)

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Title: Old Habits die hard – The Importance of knowing God

Speaker: Goff Hope

Bible Reference: Galatians 4:8-9

Overview

Paul is concerned that having come to know God, aligned lives to live God's way, they're going off course & will end up going against the grain of God's purposes & forfeit benefits of knowing God. Imagine: someone in prison, having been set free, going back voluntarily to misery. Crazy? It happens. Christians can & do forfeit benefits blessings of knowing God. Old habits die hard. (Illustration – Shawshank Redemption)

These verses give us insight to understand why this happens

Main points

- ***Why it's important to know God:*** because we're made with a capacity for wonder, a need to worship. Our hearts are idol-makers, things go wrong when we make good things, the best thing – an idol. Scary thing is, when we reject the knowledge of God, He gives us over to those things, *Romans 1*
- ***What it means to know God:*** much more than doctrines! Relationship! v9 Knowing & being known. See all through the Bible, God's passion to have a relationship with us! Gospel says we can come close. For the Christian, it's a GRACE relationship because He knew & loved us first,
- ***How we can lose the benefits of knowing God:*** v9 Turning back to miserable forces, ways of the world, allowing Jesus to slip from the central place in our lives. We can prevent this by making much of Jesus, not losing our sense of wonder, enjoying Him, Worship, Gratitude, Reading good books!

Book recommendation: Christ Our Life by Michael Reeves

Questions

- How would you describe your relationship with God right now?
- How do you think God views you?
- Share ways you have discovered to strengthen your relationship & enjoyment of God *i.e: top tips on praying, daily devotions, worship etc.*
- What thing / person / objective might you be in danger of making an idol? Remember, it's often not bad things, rather good things made the best thing *i.e: money, career, sex, food, fitness etc*