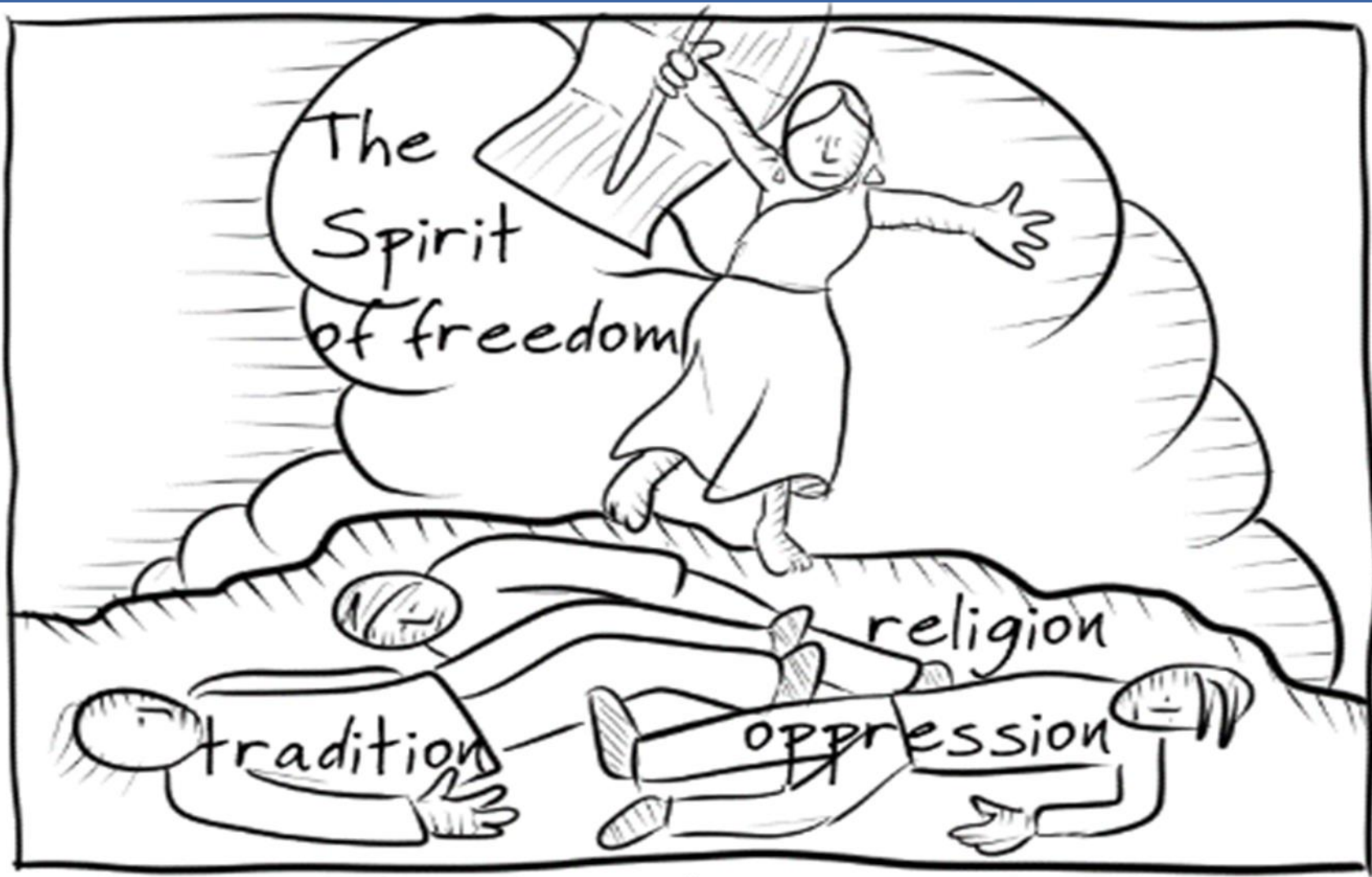


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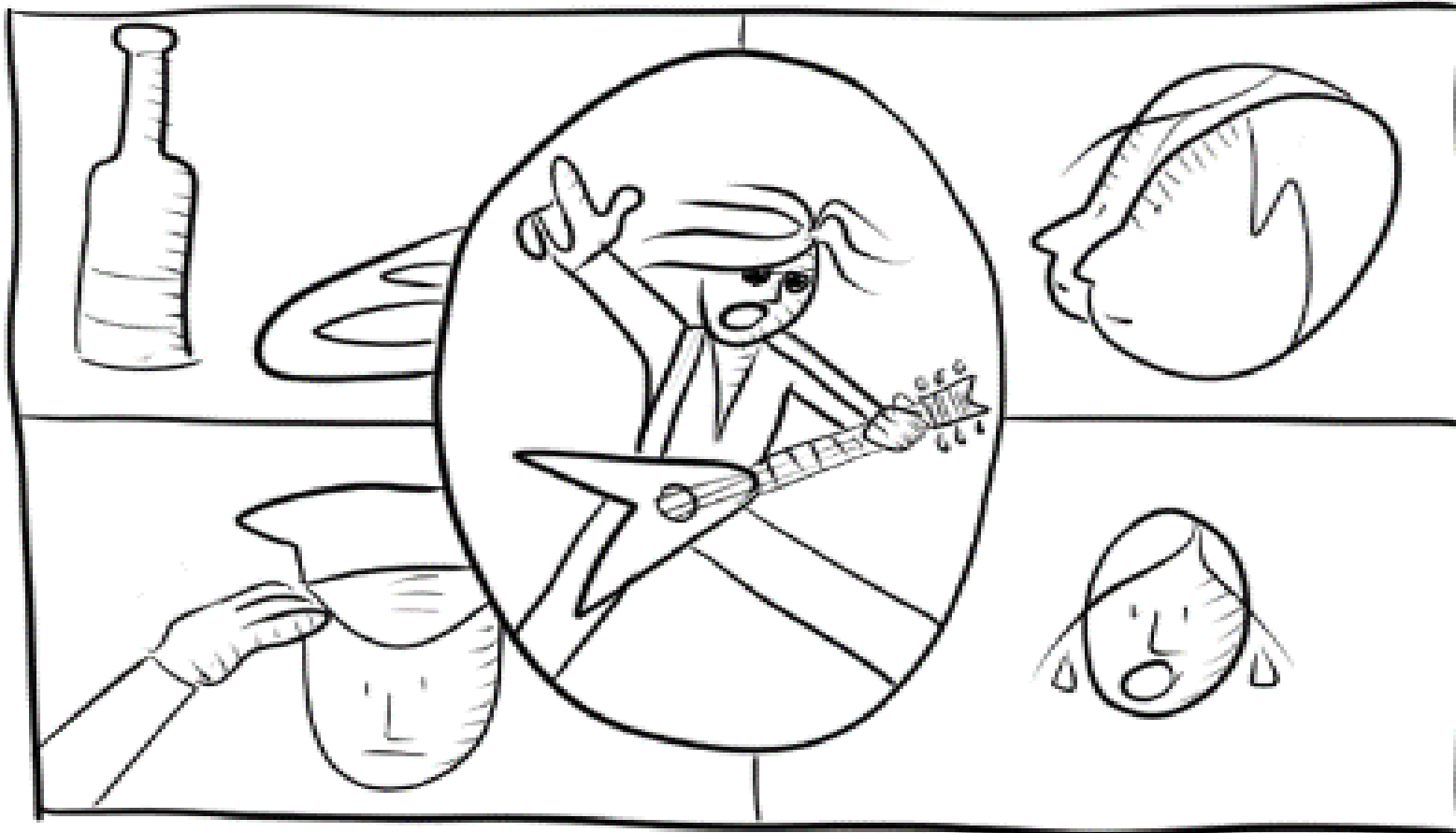




The Four Freedoms defined  
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# Outline of 1 Corinthians

Chpt 1-4: Divisions over Leadership

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God's offer of a freedom exchange

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- Freedom of conscience and confidence
- Freedom to love and connect
- Freedom to be filled with whatever we need

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# First final freedom: Freedom of Conscience and Confidence

<sup>25</sup> Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <sup>26</sup> For “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.” <sup>27</sup> If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. <sup>28</sup> But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— <sup>29</sup> I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience? <sup>30</sup> If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? 1 Corinthians 10:25-30

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Confident freedom— we know who we are

<sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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Galatians 5:1 and the fight for this first freedom

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

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Romans 8:1-2 No condemnation

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

# Practicing the gospel syllogism

Major premise: Only those who repent and believe in the Saving Work of Christ are the Children of God

Minor premise: But I have repented and believed in the Saving Work of Christ

Conclusion: Therefore, I am a Child of God

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# Second Final Freedom: Freedom to Love and Connect

<sup>23</sup> “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

<sup>24</sup> Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 1

Corinthians 10:23-24

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Romans 8:1-2 Freedom to Love by the power of the Spirit

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# The Freedom paradox: 1 Cor. 9:19-20

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 1 Corinthians 9:19-20

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The power to love: Romans 5:5

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

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Third Final Freedom: The Freedom to be filled with whatever we need

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

<sup>1</sup> Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. 1  
Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

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All things are ours: 1 Cor 3:21-23

<sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

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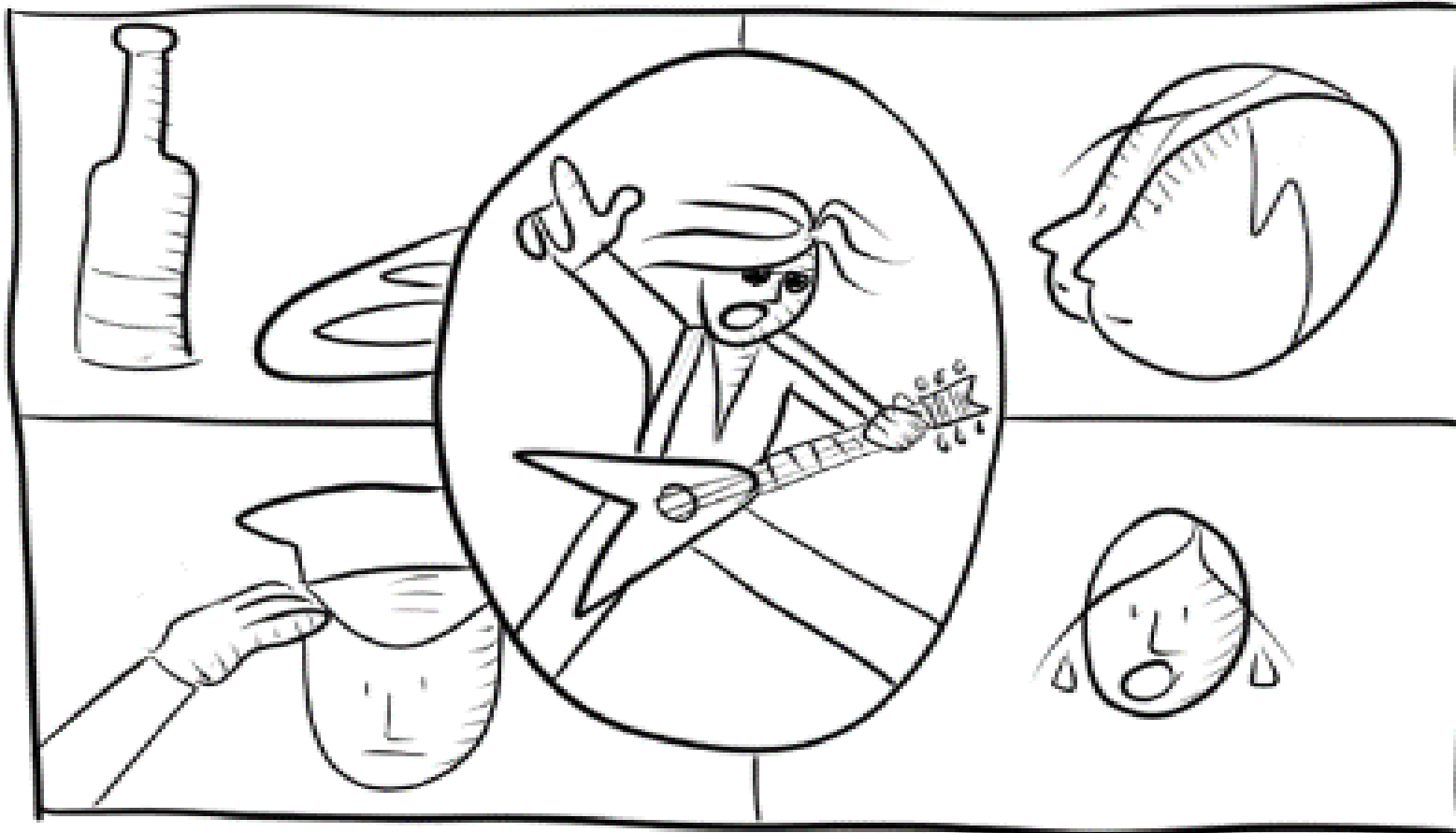
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Giving us all things: Romans 8:32

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Romans 8:32



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# You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not  
enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure  
up

Am I more than just the sum of every high and  
every low  
Remind me once again just who I am because I  
need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And you say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe (I)  
Oh, I believe (I)  
What You say of me (I)  
I believe

The only thing that matters now is  
everything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my  
identity

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