

## 5-Day Devotional: Let Freedom Ring- The Thompsons

### Day 1: The Freedom Christ Purchased

**\*\*Reading:\*\*** Galatians 5:1-6

**\*\*Devotional:\*\***

Christ didn't set you free just to remove your chains—He freed you to live in a spacious place. There's a profound difference between being free and living in freedom. Free is your position; freedom is your experience. Like the bear that paced in circles even after the cage was opened, many believers remain confined by invisible barriers of past pain, disappointment, or fear. Jesus did the work to make you completely free—your history is not your destiny. Today, ask yourself: Am I living in the full freedom Christ purchased, or am I still walking in circles within an imaginary cage? Step beyond what you've been freed from and into what you've been freed for.

### Day 2: Beauty for Ashes

**\*\*Reading:\*\*** Isaiah 61:1-4

**\*\*Devotional:\*\***

God specializes in divine exchanges. He takes what we've burned up in our past—the ashes of our failures, sins, and regrets—and crowns us with beauty. This isn't just cosmetic restoration; it's a complete identity transformation. The crown represents your royalty as God's child, while the beauty displays His glory. Your scars aren't meant to be hidden in shame but transformed into stories that point others to the Healer. What ashes are you still carrying? What mourning needs to be exchanged for joy? God is inviting you to bring Him the broken pieces so He can create something beautiful. The splendor is in the leaves, but the real story is in the scars.

### Day 3: Healed to Heal Others

**\*\*Reading:\*\*** Luke 17:11-19

**\*\*Devotional:\*\***

Ten lepers were cleansed, but only one received complete restoration—sozo—salvation, healing, deliverance, and wholeness. The difference? He returned in praise. External healing is wonderful, but Jesus offers something deeper: complete restoration that touches every wounded place in your soul. Your testimony isn't just about what God freed you from; it's about the wholeness He's brought you into. When young pastors ask for wisdom, they don't want success stories—they want to see scars that prove wounds can heal. Your freedom becomes a roadmap for others still bleeding. Return to Jesus in praise, and watch Him transform your catharsis into sozo—your healing into wholeness that overflows to heal others.

### Day 4: Rivers of Living Water

**\*\*Reading:\*\*** John 7:37-39

**\*\*Devotional:\*\***

Out of your innermost being will flow rivers of living water. Not a trickle, not a stream—rivers. The spacious place of freedom is characterized by abundant life that flows from deep within you. When memories try to hold power over you, when the enemy whispers reminders of your past, you have authority to declare: "This has no power over me." The blood of Jesus has removed the sting of death from those dead places. Now, instead of stagnant pools of pain, God is releasing rivers of life through you. These rivers don't just sustain you—they overflow to bring life to everyone around you. Let the living water bubble up today.

Day 5: Oaks of Righteousness

**\*\*Reading:\*\*** Psalm 1:1-3; Isaiah 61:3

**\*\*Devotional:\*\***

You are a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. Like the Japanese maple split in two, bolted back together, and now blooming more beautifully than before—that's your story. God doesn't just repair; He restores with greater glory. You're called to be an oak of righteousness, deeply rooted, unbending in storms, displaying what God looks like when He looks like you. Your assignment isn't to hide in a safe box, making sure you're being good. It's to stand tall in freedom, showing unbelievers the beauty of God's restoration. You're rebuilding ancient ruins and restoring devastated cities—passing on a legacy of freedom to the next generation. Stand firm, oak of God. Your roots go deep, and your branches declare His splendor.