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THE REVELATION OF FREEDOM

What comes to mind when you hear the word FREEDOM? You may think of freedom as independence, the absence of another's control over you. You may think of freedom as the opposite of being imprisoned or enslaved. Or more simply, you may see freedom as being able to do whatever you want, whenever you want. These characterizations of freedom are worldly and do not express the fullness of the freedom that God has for us.

Freedom Lost

John Piper, Pastor of Desiring God Ministry views freedom as “doing what you love to do is doing what you ought to do.” In the beginning, Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect freedom in the Garden of Eden. They were free from sin because they only knew the goodness of God and not evil. They did not need clothes as they did not know they were naked. They did not lack food as they could eat from any tree in the garden...except one. They lived as carefree children relying on their Heavenly Father to provide for their understanding and their every need. When they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they became separated from the Father and shattered the freedom they enjoyed. Their hearts (and ours) fell into the bondage of sin and all the labor, burdens, and penalties that come with it. As stated by Minister Jackie Hill Perry, “Sin is a power. It controls us like a master, and we are its slave.” Consequently, our struggle with sin is best described by Paul in Romans 7:23-24 AMP,



*Of every tree
in the garden
thou may
freely eat...*

Genesis 2:16 (NKJV)

“23 I see a different law and rule of action in the members of my body [in its appetites and desires], waging war against the law of my mind and subduing me and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is within my members. 24 Wretched and miserable man that I am! Who will [rescue me and] set me free from this body of death [this corrupt, mortal existence]?”

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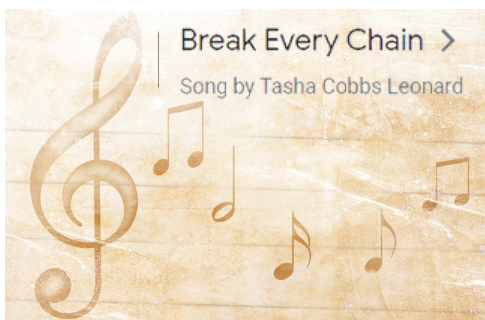
Rest in Freedom

Under the power of sin, how do we find the freedom of doing what we desire and those desires being what God would have us do? [Romans 12:2](#) tells us to be “transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” So, should we wrestle with our minds and bodies and force ourselves to desire or do only what God wants instead of what we want? God forbid. “For it is God which worketh in you both to will (desire) and to do of his good pleasure.” ([Philippians 2:13 KJV](#)) It is God through Christ who brings about the transformation in us. John Piper defines transformation as “the change in our hearts so that what we love to do is what we ought to do.”, and goes on to say, “The freest people in all the earth are those that do exactly what they like to do and don’t suffer in hell for it but rise with Jesus to ever-increasing joy.”

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Gal 5:1 NKJV)

We must stop trying to free ourselves from sin and focus solely on the only One who has liberated us. Like most, Minister Jackie Hill Perry had to learn this by experience. She admits, “I thought I could be a Christian by just trying hard enough; I thought I could be a Christian by trying to make some kind of decision in my mind to live righteous. What I didn’t realize is that sin is a power that only the supernatural power of God can break off of me. I was trying to run with chains on my feet and I wasn’t going to get far unless someone came with the key to release me. That’s salvation. Salvation is when CHRIST frees you from (both) the penalty and the controlling power of sin.”

A Moment of **PRAISE**



In his daily devotional, Oswald Chambers tells us how to come into that freedom. “The only concern of Christian workers should be their concentration on God. This will mean that all the other boundaries of life, whether they are mental, moral, or spiritual limits, are completely free with the freedom God gives His child; that is, a worshiping child, not a wayward one. A worker who lacks this serious controlling emphasis of concentration on God is apt to become overly burdened by his work. Once our concentration is on God, all the limits of our life are free and under the control and mastery of God alone. There is no longer any responsibility on you for the work. The only responsibility you have is to stay in living constant touch with God, and to see that you allow nothing to hinder your cooperation with Him.” (excerpt from *My Utmost For His Highest* – April 23) This is the fullness of freedom our Heavenly Father offers us through Christ; to bring us back to the life of a child, as in the Garden of Eden where we rest in the Heavenly Father and trust in Him to supply all our spiritual and natural needs.

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Salvation in Freedom

God's freedom is found in the Tree of Life which is Christ. We have a choice whether to eat that which leads to eternal life or continue eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "Eternal life depends on that liberation, that sanctification, and not just justification. Without deliverance from the rule and the slavery of sin, without this new direction (not perfection), you will not inherit eternal life." (Pastor John Piper)

3 Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted (transformed), and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matt 18:3 NKJV)



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