

July 5 | Sunday
"The Bright Light of Freedom"
Galatians 5:1-15



6 | Mon – Approaching God with freedom | Read Ephesians 3:12

It is an awesome privilege to approach God in prayer. We can do so with freedom and confidence because Jesus has made it possible. Because of his great love for us, God wants to hear all about our concerns. On a scale of 1 to 10 (low-high), what is your level of freedom and confidence in coming to God? Ask Him to help you grow in this area.

7 | Tues – God hears. | Read Psalms 118:5-7

The Psalm writer expresses a time when he was in great anguish and cried out to the Lord, who responded by setting him free. Based on verses 6-7, what do you think he was being set free from? Are there any areas of your life, where you need to cry out to God for freedom?

8 | Wed – Where the Spirit of the Lord is... | Read 2 Corinthians 3:17

Sometimes we feel stuck. It might be in our finances, relationships, career, parenting. It might even be that we are stuck in the past. Paul tells us that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. When we recognize a place in our lives where we are not experiencing freedom, is it possible that area has not been surrendered to the Holy Spirit?

9 | Thu – If the Son sets you free... | Read John 8:36

Jesus said that anyone who sins becomes a slave to sin. Often we try to free ourselves through self-help programs or sheer determination and do experience temporary success. Jesus came not only to bring forgiveness but also to set us free from the things that have enslaved us. Is there something you need to be set free from? Are you willing to be honest, admit and ask for help from the only real source of permanent freedom...Jesus?

10 | Fri – Permitted but not beneficial? | Read 1 Corinthians 6:12

Apparently the Christians at Corinth were excusing their actions by saying that Christ had forgiven their sins so they had complete freedom to live as they pleased. Paul reminded them that even permissible things might not be beneficial or could even have a hurtful effect on others. Are there actions which you feel free to take but you also know might hinder another person from coming to Christ? What will you choose to do with your freedom?

11 | Sat – Free not to indulge | Read Galatians 5:1 and Galatians 5:13-14

Jesus sets us free in order to live in freedom. Paul warns the Christians in Galatia (and us) that we can fall back into slavery to sin by indulging ourselves. Instead, we are called to use our freedom to serve others in love. How have you experienced someone else using their freedom to serve you? In what ways are you free to serve others?

July 21 | Sun – The Lord and His Prayer | Read Matthew 6:5-14



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