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Finding Freedom
Galatians 5:1-12

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Reflection questions:

1. When do I feel most free? Where do you feel most free?
2. What does freedom feel like to me?
 - a. A location? b. A wardrobe? c. A lifestyle?
 - d. An activity? e. A day of the week?
3. At what time in my life do I remember feeling most free? What was it about that time?

Finding Freedom in Christ:

I. _____ in Grace

Gal. 5:1-6 *It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.*

Verses on Freedom in Christ:

Luke 4:18 *"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED..."*

II Cor. 3:17 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

Romans 8:2 *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

Romans 8:15 *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"*

John 8:31-32 *So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

I Peter 2:16 *Act as free men (people), and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.*

How do we stand free?

1. _____ and remind yourself of these truths.
2. _____ indwelling presence and power to allow you to stand in freedom.
3. _____ based on Scripture, that you say over and over when you feel bound.

II. Keep _____ in freedom.

Gal. 5:7-12 *You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. 10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. 11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished. 12 I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Where do you need to stand firm in grace to experience freedom in Christ?
2. Where do you need to move forward in your making Jesus Lord of your life?
How can you move forward this week?

What's the first step to move forward in faith?

1. _____ and ask the Spirit to help you apply it to your life. (Todd's Suggestion - If you have never read the Bible start in the Gospel of Luke in a contemporary translation. NASB, NIV, ESV, NRSV)
2. _____ that deals with the application of Biblical truth to life.
3. _____ with someone else. (Sharing what you believe helps you better understand and apply truth to life and it is a blessing to others.)
4. _____ Jesus without any public recognition. (Serving without seeking earthly reward helps us to allow Jesus to be Lord, dethrones other masters in our lives, and put us in position to receive greater gifts from God.)

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Todd about your relationship with Christ, please email pastortodd@thevineva.org to set up an appointment.