

## Practical Freedom

*In this study, we've learned: 1) the power of the blood of Jesus to set us free. 2) How freedom comes (faith). 3) When freedom happens (at salvation). 4) Where freedom happens (spirit man). 5) How freedom is maintained: God sustains those who abide (John 15:4-7). Today: where bondages come from & how to break free of them.*

### Knowing about Freedom & Living Free are Two Different Things (John 8:31-36)

- We can get the truth of freedom, but if we never learn how to walk it out/apply it – we can go back
- If we never learn how to handle past, Satan, life, temptation, and then DO what we learn, we can go back
- Going backward rather than forward is on us, because liberty is in our spirit – we must walk in freedom
- “The person who has died [with Christ] has been set free from [the power of] sin.” Romans 6:7
- “Having been set free, you’ve become slaves of righteousness [conformity to will/purpose]” Romans 6:18
- “Now that you’ve been set free from sin and have become [willing] slaves to God, you have your benefit, sanctification [being made holy and set apart for God’s purpose] and eternal life.” Romans 6:22
- We must know and believe these truths – we must use them in the moment

### Where Bondages Comes From (Ties - Weights illustration)

- 1) **Our humanity** – Psalm 51:5, “I was brought forth in [a state of] wickedness; In sin my mother conceived me [and from my beginning I, too, was sinful].”
- 2) **Our past experiences** – Galatians 5:1, “It was for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed].”
- 3) **Our family history** – Exodus 20:5-6, “You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous (impassioned) God [demanding what is rightfully and uniquely mine], visiting (avenging) the iniquity (sin, guilt) of the fathers on the children [that is, calling the children to account for the sins of their fathers], to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup>but showing graciousness *and* steadfast lovingkindness to thousands [of generations] of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”
- 4) **Yielding to temptation** – 2 Timothy 2:20, “For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world by [personal] knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, their last condition has become worse for them than the first.”

### Breaking Curses, Entering Into Blessings

- 1) Faith in Jesus – Galatians 3:13
- 2) Confession of sin – 1 John 1:9
- 3) Assurance and application of your Salvation – 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 4) Assessing life and family history – Exodus 20:5-6 [sin and curses in the bloodline, familiar spirits]
- 5) Prayer of faith to break curses – James 5:13-16 [prayer of faith will restore, forgive, heal]
- 6) Obedience to God – Ezekiel 28:18-19, Deuteronomy 28:1-68, Exodus 20:5-6
- 7) Spiritual warfare – James 4:7, Matthew 16:19, Ephesians 6:10-11, Isaiah 54:17
- 8) Speak the Word – Proverbs 18:21 [your confession is powerful]

### Freedom Tools on the Back

Life history guide – Family history guide – Prayer guide for breaking curses – this week go through all three

I proclaim that "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree'" (Galatians 3:13).

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I now bring the fullness of his cross, death, blood, and sacrifice, his resurrection, life, and empty tomb, his authority, rule, and dominion; I bring judgment from the Lord Jesus Christ against every foul power, witchcraft, black art, and curse. I bring Jesus Christ cursed for me against all curses that have been raised against me—written, spoken, unspoken, or transferred to me. [If you know what the exact curses are, it helps to name them. For example, "all curses of death," or "all curses on my marriage or my health," etc.]

I bring the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, his blood shed upon the cross, against all blood sacrifices and rituals and their every claim against me. I bring Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sacrificed for me, against all ritual sacrifices and their every claim against me. I bring the dedication of Jesus Christ for me in death upon the cross against all ritual dedications. In the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ, I break the power and hold of every curse that has come to me through ritual or ritual sacrifice. In the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ, I break the power and hold of every curse that has come to me through transfer by another human being. In the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ, I break the power and hold of every curse that has come to me through words spoken. In the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ, I break the power and hold of every curse that has come to me through occult practices.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare every legal hold and every legal ground of the enemy broken, disarmed, and destroyed. Satan has no hold over me now through curses or occult practices, through sacrifices or any ritual of any kind. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, I am free. Thank you, Jesus, for setting me free. I order these curses and claims utterly disarmed and dismantled now, through the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, and in his name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I command all demonic spirits that have gained access to me through curses and rituals cut off and banished from me and my household, in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, I ask you to send your angels now to completely disarm all curses and black arts from me; disarm their every device and render them destroyed. I ask your angels to remove all foul spirits involved in these curses and black arts and bind them to your feet for judgment.

I now claim every spiritual blessing that my Heavenly Father has given to me in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). I claim those blessings right here in the very place of all cursing, by the authority and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in his name. Jesus, may these things be fully accomplished now through your mighty name. I give you thanks and honor and praise. All of this I pray by the authority and in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who came in the flesh.

*"Father, I ask you first to forgive me for my sins and cleanse me from any area where I have allowed the devil to enter my life. I renounce any involvement with the works of darkness. In the name of Jesus, I now cancel every curse, and Father, I ask you to forgive the people who have spoken them against me. I thank you that those curses will no longer operate against me. In Jesus' name, they are broken right now, by the power of Almighty God. I cancel every evil that was spoken against me and ask you to cover me and my family with your protection according to your Word in **Psalm 91.**"*

### **How Backsliding Happens & How to Come Back**

"Backsliding generally begins with a neglect of private prayer." J.C. Ryle – Matthew 26:41 & Colossians 4:2

Neglect of worship and service – Hosea 11:7, Jeremiah 2:19, & Hosea 5:15

How to come back – 2 Chronicles 7:14, Jeremiah 3:22, Hosea 14:4

### **Why We are Set Free**

- 1) Relationship with God – Mt 1:20-21, "But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the Child who has been <sup>[a]</sup>conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus (The LORD is salvation), for He will <sup>[b]</sup>save His people from their sins."
- 2) To love and to serve – Gal 5:13, "For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom *become* an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve *and* seek the best for one another."
- 3) Doing God's will (Titus 2:11-14)