

FREEDOM AIN'T DOING WHAT YOU WANT

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BIG IDEA: Freedom isn't doing what you want; it's being free from what owned you. Real freedom isn't "no rules" but new purpose.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Galatians 5:1,13,16,22-23

Romans 6:22

Romans 8

1. Galatians 5:1 says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." What do you think Paul means by freedom, and how does it differ from the cultural idea of doing whatever you want?

2. When have you experienced that doing whatever you pleased ended up feeling more like chains than freedom?

3. Paul warns against both legalism and license. Which of these two traps do you find yourself more prone to—and why?

4. Romans 6:22 says that being set free from sin makes us "slaves of God." How does that language challenge or encourage your understanding of true freedom?

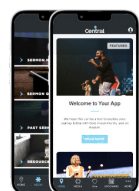
5. Galatians 5:13 connects freedom with serving others in love. How does love give direction and purpose to freedom?

6. What practices or boundaries in your life have at times felt like a leash, but now you see as a gift of God's protection?

7. How do the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) serve as evidence of real freedom? Which fruit do you long to see more fully in your life right now?

8. Nelson Mandela said leaving bitterness behind was key to walking in freedom. What attitudes, habits, or wounds might you need to leave behind in order to experience the freedom Christ offers?

Prayer Declaration: Christ has set me free. I am not bound to the law. I am not bound to the flesh. I am bound to Christ. And in Him, I am truly free.



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