



FREEDOM IN BONDEDNESS

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Psalms 115:3 • Romans 6:22 • Galatians 5:1-15

We have exchanged bondage to sin with being bonded to God through Christ.

1. A core issue in freedom is authority. How does your authority practically influence others' freedom? When have you used that authority in a direct and authoritative way? What motivated it?
2. How does God's authority over your life express itself in the way you do live and make decisions? When is it tempting to leave God out of your decisions?
3. Biblical freedom is not biblical when it ignores the needs of the weak and the vulnerable. Can you think of any circumstances where that principle does not apply?
4. No one becomes biblically free unless they accept the need to be set free from sin. Read Romans 6:22. What does biblical Freedom look like on the basis of this verse?
5. When we accepted Christ we exchanged bondage to sin with being bonded to God. Looking at your life, how have you experienced freedom from the controlling power of sin?
6. My freedom is constrained by the fact that I am not free to pursue everything I desire. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
7. My freedom is constrained by the fact that I am not free to do anything that injures you. In what ways has the behavior of others who have exercised their freedom hurt you?
8. Pastor Craig told the story of his pet dog who ran from the house and bit a friend. Can you think of an example where freedom pursued without thinking of others results in injury?