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WELCOME TO FREEDOM!

➤ On behalf of Pastor Tamara and myself, we are so excited for you to begin your freedom journey through our Freedom classes. Freedom is not the absence of something, but the presence of Someone. Freedom Ministries will help you hear and respond to God's voice, and become truly free in Jesus Christ. Our Ministry Team will help you identify who God created and redeemed you to be, and discover true freedom in Jesus Christ!

We want to encourage you to make these four weeks a priority, as you will be building on the foundational principles of living a life free in Jesus Christ. We believe God wants to speak and reveal Himself to you.

Our Staff and Freedom Ministry Team have been personally praying for you and they will continue to lift you up in prayer, as you discover your true identity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We love you and are so very proud of you.

Live Free in Christ!

Greg and Tamara Dumas
Lead Pastors

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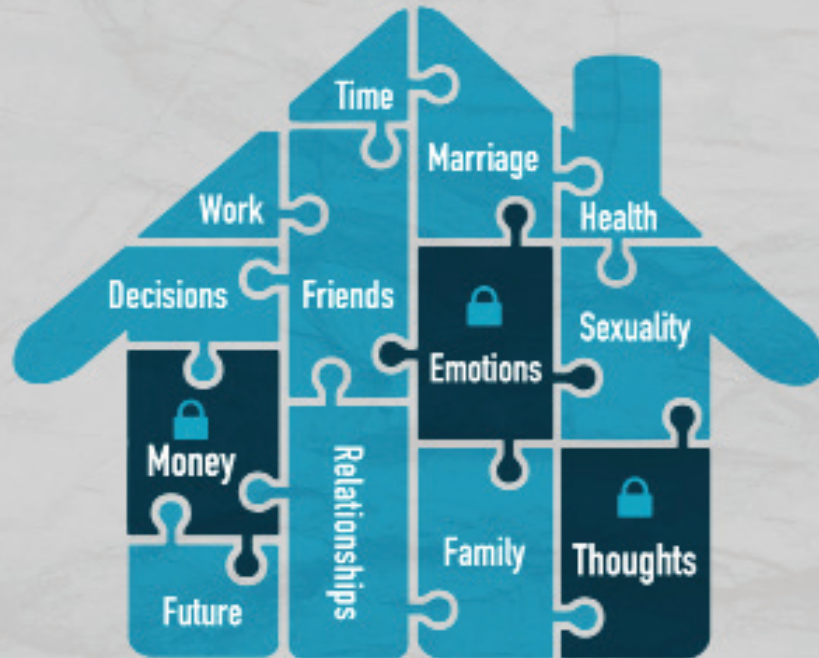
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Definition of Freedom

- Freedom is not defined by what is absent, rather freedom is defined by Who is present.
- Freedom is not the absence of something, but the presence of Someone.

Definition

Lordship: Supreme power or rule.

KEY CONCEPTS

When we listen to the voice of the Lord:

- We prove that He is Lord of our lives.
- We want to follow Him in every area of our lives and nothing is off limits to Him.
- We give Him complete permission to do or say anything over our lives.

Four reasons to why we may struggle with Lordship:

- We have not surrendered completely to Him or placed Him as first priority in our lives.
- Lack of understanding.
- Rebellion
- Fear or lack of trust.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 19:16-22 (NKJV) - Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good[a] Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, [b]"Why do you call Me good? [c]No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept [d]from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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Matthew 14:24-29 (NKJV) *But the boat was now [a]in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, [b]"Be of good cheer! [c]It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

Genesis 3:1-7 (NKJV) *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was [a]pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves [b]coverings.*

Ephesians 4:7 (NKJV) *But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

Genesis 16:2-4 (NKJV) *So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall [a]obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.*

Lordship Prayer

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. Thank You for dying in my place. I invite You now to be Lord of my life. Lord of my body and all my behavior. Lord of my mind and all my thoughts. Lord of my emotions and all my reactions. Lord of my will and all my decisions. Lord of my spirit and all my relationships. I invite You to be Lord of my sexuality, my time, my home, my marriage or singleness and all my possessions. I also invite You to be Lord of [name additional area(s) not named]. Thank You, Jesus, for Your blood, which was shed so I might be free. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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How can I hear from God?

- Words that come to mind.
- Images that come to mind.
- Impressions that we sense God.

How can we know what we hear is from God?

- Does what I hear, align with God's Holy Scriptures? – The Bible
- Does what I hear, produce Godly evidence in my life?
- Does what I hear, produce Freedom?

What hinders me from hearing God?

- Unbelief
- Disobedience
- Busyness, distractions and activity
- Hearing other voices, not God
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Key Scriptures

Exodus 16:16-21 NKJV – *“This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’ And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, ‘Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.’ But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.”*

Proverbs 3:5-6 MSG – *Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Don't assume that you know it all. Run to God! Run from evil! Your body will glow with health, your very bones will vibrate with life! Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over. But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction. It's the child he loves that God corrects; a father's delight is behind all this.*

John 10:27 NIV – *My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

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John 10:10 NIV – *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

QUOTES

“The boundaries of God are the blessings of God in your life. These boundaries are designed to give you freedom for life.” – Pastor Greg Dumas

“When I choose not to pray, I choose to make a boast against God, which says I can do this without you God.” – Pastor Jimmy Evans

APPLICATION

How does the enemy attack us in our identity?

- Soul Wounds (Hurt and Traumas)
- Core Lies (Beliefs)
- Life Patterns (Family Origin)
- Demonic Oppression (Influence of Agreement)
 - Occult Involvement – Deuteronomy 18:10-12, 2 Chronicles 33:6
 - Unforgiveness – Matthew 18:21-35
 - Willful Disobedience – Romans 6:16, 1 Corinthians 6:18
 - Inner Vows and Spoken Curses – Matthew 5:33-37
 - Generational Curses – Exodus 20:4-6
 - Hurts and Traumas – Psalm 109:22, Isaiah 53:4-5
 - Giving Place to Fear – 1 John 4:18

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MINISTRY TIME

Ask: Lord, what lie have I believed about You, others or myself?

As the Holy Spirit reveals to you the lie;

Agree with Him. (Yes, you are right, I have believed this as a lie.)

Repent. (Lord, I'm sorry for believing this lie.)

Renounce. (Lord, I renounce this lie and its influences over my life in Jesus' name.)

Ask: Lord, what is Your truth?

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Ask: Lord, what is Your truth?

As the Holy Spirit reveals to you the truth;

Agree with Him. (Yes, you are right. This is Your truth.)

Receive (Receive what He tells you as truth.)

Believe (Begin believing what He says about His truth, rather than believing the lie.)

Prayer: Lord, please forgive me for believing (the lie) about myself. I break my agreement with this lie. Lord, I ask You to cleanse and renew my mind with Your truth. Help me hear who You say I am. I will no longer accept this lie. The power of this lie is broken now, in the name of Jesus. AMEN!

RESOURCES

- Evans, Jimmy and Billington, Ann. Freedom From Your Past.
- Hamp, Bob. Think Differently, Live Differently.
- Morris, Robert. Frequency.

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GOING DEEPER THIS WEEK

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal who He says you are. Be sure to write what He says to you through the Words, Images or Impressions that you receive from Him.

Day 1 – Father, when You see me, what do You think about me? Why?

Day 2 – Jesus, what do You like most about my personality? Why?

Day 3 – Jesus, what is it about me that brings You great joy? Why?

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Day 4 – Father, what is on Your heart?

Day 5 – Holy Spirit, would you give me a picture of how much You love me?

Day 6 – Father, what was the highlight of Your day? Why?

Day 7 – Holy Spirit, if I were a utensil in a kitchen, which one am I most like? In what way? Ask: If I were a tool in a toolbox, which one am I most like? In what way?



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KEY CONCEPTS

OUR ROOTS DISPLAY OUR FRUITS
FORGIVING YOURSELF
FORGIVING OTHERS AND RELEASING GOD

KEY SCRIPTURES

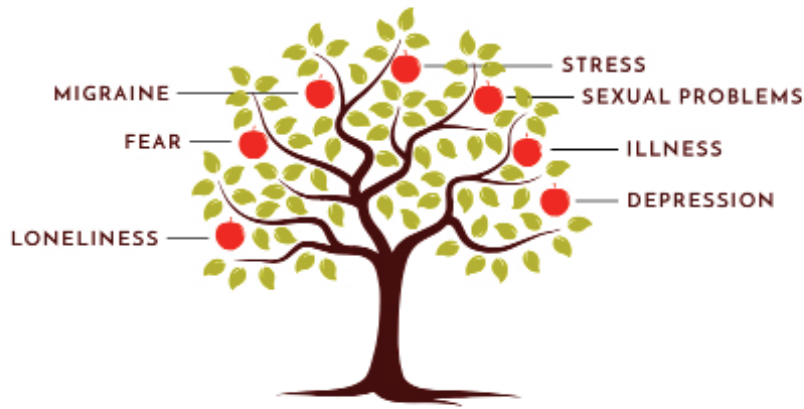
Ephesians 5:8 NKJV – *“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”*

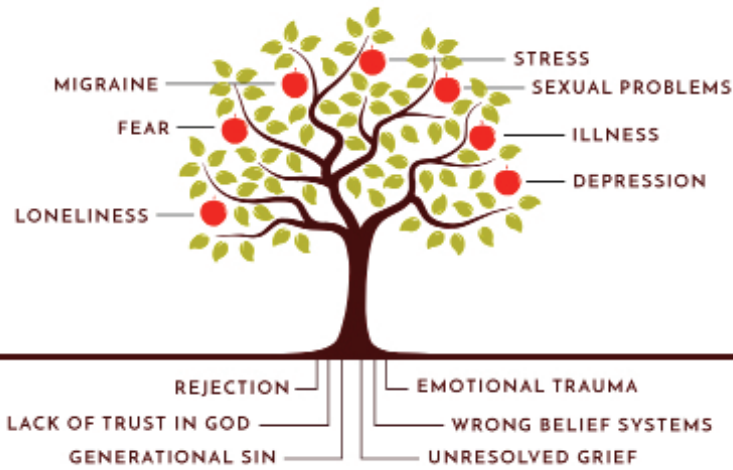
Matthew 3:10 NKJV – *“And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

1 John 1:7-9 NKJV – *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

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KEY SCRIPTURES

John 4:3-26 ESV – “...he (Jesus) left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour, A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink,” you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come here.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’”

2 Corinthians 7:2 NKJV – “Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one.”

Psalms 103:12 NKJV – “As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

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APPLICATION

Bring the real truth to the surface; the process of healing and being set free could begin in his life. Until we bring what happened in darkness to the light, we can never be truly set free. What do I need forgiveness from? We need forgiveness from the sins, which we have committed against God, others and ourselves. Forgiveness allows us to disconnect from ourselves and to connect into God as our Source.

Forgiveness is surrendering to Jesus our right to hold a judgment against someone and letting God be judge and jury. It does not in any way, justify sin or remove accountability.

Forgiveness Does Not Mean

- We somehow try to forget what has happened- forgiveness does not erase the past, what happened to you, happened.
- Wrong is minimized or that the person is declared not guilty- through forgiveness, we are handing over the case to a higher court, who will then decide what happens to you.
- We deny our anger or pain- if we have been hurt greatly, there is an emotion attached to it and you're not a robot. It's okay to express how you feel.
- We avoid confrontation- doesn't mean we become a doormat and allow that person to come fully back into our life.
- Others are then obligated and indebted to us, therefore, owing us something- forgiveness has no strings attached to it; God forgives us freely.
- We don't have to trust the person who has hurt us, again- forgiveness and trust are not the same thing. If someone has wronged us, it doesn't mean that he/she is allowed fully back into our life.

Forgiveness Does Mean

- Forgiving from the heart.
- Bringing the balance to zero; they owe you nothing.
- Giving to God "our right of revenge."

How do you Release God?

- You need to be honest and tell God your complaint.
- Make a list of what you are truthfully thankful for.
- Fight self-pity and entitlement.
- Choose to believe that God is just and He has a purpose for what is going on in this moment.

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MINISTRY TIME

Ask: Lord, would you reveal any unforgiveness in my heart? If He says, "yes," ask Him the names of anyone, who you have not forgiven?

Ask: Lord, do I need to forgive myself? If the Lord said, "yes" to you, then you now have an opportunity to choose to forgive yourself. Remember, forgiveness is a choice.

Ask: Lord, do I need to forgive someone else? If the Lord has said, "yes," then you now have an opportunity to choose to forgive others. Remember, forgiveness is a choice.

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Ask: Lord, do I need to release You from an area in my life, that I am holding against You? If the Lord has said, "yes," then you now have an opportunity to choose to release Him. Remember, releasing is a choice.

Ask: Lord, what was the event that caused me to become hurt?

Ask: Lord, when this event happened in my life, would You bring the emotions I felt to the surface?

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Prayer: We choose to forgive ourselves: Thank You, Father, for forgiving me. I now choose to forgive myself for the things I know You have already forgiven me for. I specifically forgive myself for (name the personal offenses and emotions). Please take these emotions from me and place them on the cross. I open my heart to receive what You want to give me, in exchange for the hurt. Thank You for healing the effects of these sins in my soul. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Prayer: We choose to forgive others: Dear Lord, I choose to forgive (name of person) for (name their offense). Father, when they did these things, I felt (describe the effects of the sins). Please take these emotions from me and place them on the cross. I open my heart to receive what You want to give me, in exchange for the hurt. Thank You for healing the effects of these sins in my soul. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Prayer: Let us choose to forgive God for something in our life, when we have wrongly blamed Him: Dear God, I confess that there have been times when I have blamed you; Lord, for things that are not Your responsibility (be specific). I recognize this to be sin and I ask You to forgive me. I know that You hate what Satan has done in my life. Thank You for loving me and promising to set me free. AMEN!

Closing Prayer: You are my Source and my life. I ask You to speak Your word of truth, in place of every lie that distorts my way of seeing others and receiving Your love. I choose to believe Your Word and confess Your truth over my life. In doing so, Father, I Thank You, for You transform me, change me and make me more and more into the person You created and redeemed me to be. AMEN!

RESOURCES

- Evans, Jimmy and Billington, Ann. Freedom From Your Past.
- Kendall, R.T. Total Forgiveness.
- Kendall, R.T. Totally Forgiving God.
- Kendall, R.T. How To Forgive Ourselves Totally.
- Tipping, Colin. Radical Forgiveness.
- Richards, James B. Grace: The Power to Change.

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GOING DEEPER THIS WEEK

Take time to ask the Lord some questions about forgiveness.

Ask: Lord, are there areas in my life where unforgiveness exists?

Ask: Lord, what do you want to say about these areas of unforgiveness?

Ask: Lord, do I need to forgive others or myself? As the Lord reveals to you who you need to forgive, whether others or yourself, agree with Him. Simply say, "Lord you are right, I need to forgive [name of person] for [name the offense or hurt] and how it made you feel [name the emotions you felt.] Refer to the Ministry Time Application to recall the steps on how to forgive.

Ask: Lord, do I need to release You from anything, that I am blaming You for in my life? Refer to the Ministry Time Application to recall the steps on how to release God.



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KEY CONCEPTS

THE LABELS WE CARRY
STRONGHOLDS
MOVING FROM ENTANGLED TO UNTANGLED

KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 4:4 NKJV – *“Jonathan, Saul’s son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.”*

2 Samuel 9:3-13 NKJV – *“Then the king said, ‘Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?’ So the king said to him, ‘Where is he?’ And Ziba said to the king, ‘Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar.’ Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, ‘Mephibosheth?’ And he answered, ‘Here is your servant!’ So David said to him, ‘Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.’ Then he bowed himself, and said, ‘What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I!’ And the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, ‘I have given to your master’s son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master’s son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s son shall eat bread at my table always.’ Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, ‘According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.’ ‘As for Mephibosheth,’ said the king, ‘he shall eat at my table[a] like one of the king’s sons.’ Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet.”*

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APPLICATION

What is a stronghold?

- In Greek, the word “stronghold” is a military word, which is synonymous to fortress. It refers to an area where the enemy is entrenched. It is a wrong pattern of thinking, which can give the enemy a right in our life. This fortress of thought gives the enemy a place to secure a “strong hold” in your life.

How does this happen?

- In our personal life, they are established through an event, which we have personally been through or witnessed. A stronghold is formed when a soul wound and a core lie are brought together.

Why are strongholds a problem?

- When we look to anything or anyone, other than God as our source, idolatry enters into the circumstance or situation. The thing or the person that we are seeking becomes our source of truth and not God. You are allowing the enemy to define the truth, rather than allowing God’s truth to be present. When we take comfort in the person or the thing we are seeking as truth, we begin to build a defense to protect ourselves.

When a stronghold exists, you have likely made the enemy your source of truth.
When a stronghold exists, you have likely made yourself your source of protection.

The only true solution for pulling down these strongholds would be, true repentance.

- Repentance is not a change in behavior; it’s a change in how you perceive reality.
- Repentance is changing your source: New Source of Truth, New Source of Security/Comfort.
- Repentance is a response to God’s Word.

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(Adapted from Gateway Church)

The Event: (Typically Negative)

The event can be a hurt, trauma or generational iniquity.

The Lie: (The meaning you assigned to the event.)

Often times, this is where the voice of the enemy comes and tells you what this hurt or trauma means. These meanings are lies that you inherit and embrace. They can be lies that you believe about God, yourself and others.

The Defense: (The way you avoid pain, anxiety, hurt or disappointment.)

Defenses are the ways in which we choose to protect or comfort ourselves.

The Reaction: (How others react to the defense.)

It may sound like, "How can I change you, so you will stop doing that to me?"

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KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV – *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”*

Hebrews 12:1-3 AMP – *“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

John 20:25-29 ESV – *So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”*

QUOTES

“God chooses the things the world rejects.” – Pastor Greg Dumas

“Our present sense of value is determined either by how we see ourselves in Jesus or how we see ourselves in relation to others. Our perception is based on our judgments about why people do what they do and what they do. It is an endless ride of ups and downs based upon the actions of others.”
– Dr. James B. Richards

“Most of us have learned to cope to some degree with troublesome problems from our past. but coping is not enough. Jesus wants to heal you. To cope means you learn to tolerate existing situations. Healing means the removal of those issues.” – Pastor Jimmy Evans

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MINISTRY TIME

Ask: Lord, will You reveal any strongholds (wrong patterns of thinking) in my life? As the Lord reveals the stronghold, ask: Lord, would you show me the event, which brought about this stronghold in my life?

Event:

As the Lord shows you the event, ask: Lord, what lie did I believe when this event happened? As He shows you the lie, agree with Him, repent and renounce the lie you believed. Ask: Lord, what is Your truth about this event? As He shows you the truth, agree and receive His truth.

Lie:

Truth:

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Ask: Lord, how have I comforted, defended or protected myself, as a result of this event and this lie, that I have believed? Once He has shown you how you have comforted, defended or protected yourself, then agree with Him and repent for being your source of comfort, defense or protection. Ask: Lord will you show me a picture of how do you want to comfort, defend or protect me?

Your Comfort/Defense/Protection:

His Comfort/Defense/Protection:

RESOURCES

- Evans, Jimmy and Billington, Ann. Freedom From Your Past.
- Hamp, Bob. Think Differently, Live Differently.
- Morris, Robert. Truly Free.
- Richards, James B. How to Stop the Pain.

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Take some time this week and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you, what He has to say about these questions.

Lord, where in my life do I currently not believe You? What would like to say about it?

Where have I made a judgment or an inner vow about You? As the Lord reveals to you the judgment and/or inner vow, simply confess (agree with the Lord), repent (change your thinking) and receive His forgiveness.

Ask: Lord, is there a promise I need to hold onto?

Ask: Lord, is there a stronghold in my life, which you would like to address? (Review Stronghold Ministry Time Application)



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I AM A CHILD OF GOD

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KEY CONCEPTS

WOUNDS OF OUR PAST
PROPER PERSPECTIVE

KEY SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV – *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”*

Proverbs 4:23 AMP – *“Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.”*

Romans 10:17 ESV – *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”*

1 John 4:18 ESV – *“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”*

John 14:18 ESV – *“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.”*

Galatians 5:1 ESV – *“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”*

Romans 8:12-17 ESV – *“So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”*

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KEY SCRIPTURES

Luke 15:11-32 ESV – “And he (Jesus) said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.” And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ‘But when he came to himself, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.” But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, “Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!” And he said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.””

QUOTES

“God redeems a marred lineage and with God there can be redemption in the wreckage...God can redeem any situation.” – Pastor Greg Dumas

“As we untangle our mind, our will and our emotions, we rediscover the blueprint for our original design and discover that it is easier to become our true selves than it is to continue being the person we thought we were.” – Bob Hamp

“The greatest problem most of us have in relating intimately to God lies in the unhealed and unresolved issues of our past, which twists our understanding and perceptions of God. Each of us was raised in a less than perfect environment, and that environment has left its imprint on our lives, which in turn affects our relationship with God.” – Ann Billington

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"By stepping onto the path called sonship, every spiritual slave can find freedom, and every spiritual orphan can finally come home. This single revelation changes everything"

- Pastor Brady Boyd

"Not only do we know God by Jesus Christ alone, but we know ourselves only by Jesus Christ. We know life and death only through Jesus Christ. Apart from Jesus Christ, we do not know what is our life, nor our death, nor God, nor ourselves." - Blaise Pascal

APPLICATION

Six Wounding Mothering Styles (Taken from *Our Mothers, Ourselves*, by Dr. H. Cloud and Dr. J. Townsend)

- The Phantom Mother: A mothering style that is physically or emotionally detached and/or absent.
- The China Doll Mother: A mothering style that is unable to deal with unpleasant or stressful situations.
- The Controlling Mother: A mothering style that enforces limits to keep the child from being different from herself.
- The Trophy Mother: A mothering style that can only give acceptance and approval because they believe the child has to have it all together, in order to be close and involved in the child's life.
- The Still the Boss Mother: A mothering style which produces a permanent child. They are always focused on the child becoming an autonomous, functioning adult.
- The American Express Mother: A mothering style where there is always a balance owed and they cannot separate from their child.

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Five Wounding Fathering Styles (Taken from The Teleious Man, by Larry Titus)

- The Emotionally Detached Father: A fathering style where he is present, however, he is emotionally void.
- The Abusive Father: A fathering style where verbal, emotional or physical abuse are consistently present.
- The Performance-Based Father: A fathering style where the relationship is based solely on performance.
- The Hyper-Competitive Father: A fathering style where he views the child as competition.
- The Absent Father: A fathering style where the father is absent due to choice or circumstances.

Seven Attributes of the Nature of God (Taken from Freedom From Your Past, by Jimmy Evans and Ann Billington)

God is Holy. (Holy means “separated from sin.”)

- **Psalms 99:9 NKJV** – “Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy.”

God is Loving and Compassionate

- **1 John 4:7-8 NKJV** – “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”
- **Psalms 145:8-9 NKJV** – “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.”

God is Unchangeable

- **Hebrews 13:8 NKJV** – “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
- **Malachi 3:6 NKJV** – “For I am the Lord, I do not change...”

God is Omnipotent (Unlimited power; able to do anything)

- **Matthew 19:26 NKJV** – “But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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God is Omnipresent (Present everywhere at the same time.)

- **Psalms 139:7-12 NKJV** – *“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall fall on me,’ Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.”*

God is Omniscient (Knowing everything)

- **1 John 3:20 NKJV** – *“For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.”*

God is Faithful (He keeps His promises)

- **Psalms 119:90 NKJV** – *“Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.”*

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Common Misconceptions

Taken from *Freedom From Your Past*
by Jimmy Evans and Ann Billington

Behavior of Parent	Misconception About God
Legalistic / harsh disciplinarians	God is mad / authoritarian / impersonal / demanding
Perfectionist / extremely high goals / little praise or affirmation	God is never satisfied / always disappointed and upset with me
Little or no affection	God is impersonal, distant
Critical / verbally abusive	God is angry / He puts up with people but doesn't really love them
Workaholic / focus away from children and outside of the home	God is detached and uncaring / it is difficult to get God's attention / I'm really not that important to Him
Abusive / dominating	God rules by fear / even though I may have to obey Him, I don't really trust Him
Moody / temperamental	God is unpredictable / one day He loves me, the next day He is angry and threatening
Sinful / immoral / low standard of discipline and behavior	God doesn't mean what He says / God is extremely gracious and is a pushover / no need to fear Him
Smothering / doting / spoiling you and never saying no	God exists for me / the only thing that matters is my world / God must conform to my needs and desires
Had favorite children / compared you with siblings and others	God has favorites / He loves "good people" more than sinners / He loves me based on my performance
Made promises and broke them / gave warnings and didn't follow through	God is unreliable and unfaithful / difficult to believe in His Word
Were hypocritical/lived on way at home and another way in public	God isn't powerful or relevant / religion is for social and special purposes / doesn't relate to my life

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Father

Father, What are You saying to me through this picture?

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Parental Blessing [Taken from The Teleios Man, by Larry Titus]

To My Child:

You are a gift from God. I thank you for allowing me to be your parent. I bless you with healing from all of the wounds that I, and others have caused. I bless you with overflowing peace. The peace that only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, provides. I bless you with fruitfulness in life. Good fruit, much fruit that remains. You are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. I bless you with prosperity. You will prosper and be in good health even as your soul prospers. I bless you with spiritual influence, for you are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. I bless you with success, for your mediation upon the Word of God will make you like a tree planted by rivers of water and your way will be prosperous and you will have good success. I bless you with a greater depth of spiritual understanding and a closer walk with the Lord. You will not stumble or falter, for the Word is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. I bless you with pure and edifying relationships in life. I bless you with abounding love enabling you to minister God's comforting grace to others. You are blessed my child. You are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Amen!
With Love

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GOING DEEPER THIS WEEK

Ask: Lord, is there anything hindering our relationship?

Ask: Lord, how do You see me as a child of Yours?

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Ask: Lord, as I prepare for KAIROS, what would You like to say to me?



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KEY CONCEPTS

Ten Keys to Maintaining Your Personal Freedom

- Hold on to Jesus' teaching.
- Surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.
- Consistently receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
- Renew your mind daily through God's written Word.
- Pray God's Word.
- Keep good fellowship with others.
- Practice a lifestyle of Forgiveness.
- Give thanks to the Lord at all times.
- Assume responsibility for your life.
- Take an active stand against the schemes of the enemy.

KEY SCRIPTURES

John 8:31-32 NIV – *“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”*

Song of Solomon 1:6(b) NKJV – *“...They made me the keeper of the vineyards, But my own vineyard I have not kept.”*

James 4:7 NKJV – *“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

Romans 12:2 NKJV – *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

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Ephesians 6:10-20 NKJV – *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”*

NEXT STEPS

KAIROS

KAIROS is a New Testament word meaning, “God’s Appointed Time.” It is a day, intentionally set aside, to allow God to meet us in the midst of our circumstances.

Throughout the day, you will experience the presence of God, His power, His truth and His love in the midst of live worship, testimonies, teaching and ministry time. We encourage you to begin asking God to prepare your heart to receive from Him.

To attend KAIROS, please register at: www.wearecrossing.com/freedom
For any questions about KAIROS, please e-mail: freedom@wearecrossing.com

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Personal Ministry Sessions

A personal ministry session is available to help you connect with God’s presence and voice; to experience continued inner healing.

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