

Series: Ripple Effect - Colossians
Sermon: Freedom and Bondage
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Daily Readings

Monday: Colossians 2
Tuesday: Mark 7:1-23
Wednesday: 1 Peter 2:4-2:17
Thursday: 1 Peter 5
Friday: Galatians 5
Saturday: Proverbs 16

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about what it means to find freedom in Christ? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Why does pride keep us imprisoned?
4. How does Christ bring spiritual freedom? What does that freedom look like? Do you have personal testimony of how Christ has set you free?
5. Reflect upon some of the modern false teachings that we can be tempted to embrace ("measuring ourselves", "finding ourselves," and "promoting ourselves"). How does pride work its way into each of these narratives? Why do these false teachings keep us imprisoned if we embrace them? Why must we instead embrace the truth of Jesus?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:16 and Galatians 5:13. Why should our freedom be constrained by love (love for God and love for others)? How is this actually what true freedom looks like as opposed to doing whatever we want?
7. Think about this quote again from Charles Colson: "*The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of paradox, where through the ugly defeat of a cross, a holy God is utterly glorified. Victory comes through defeat; healing through brokenness; finding self through losing self.*" Why does the gospel help us walk in humility? How does this contrast to the way that the world tells us to find freedom?
8. Have you been searching for freedom in any way outside of Jesus? How can you give that to the Lord today knowing that true freedom is found in Christ?
9. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step:

1. Take some time this week and journal through the idea that "pride is prison and Christ is freedom." Specifically, journal through the following prompts:
 - Ask the Lord to reveal where pride shows up in your life and surrender that to Him
 - Ask the Lord to help you walk in the freedom that He alone gives
 - Ask the Lord to help you use your freedom for the sake of self-sacrificial love