

Sermon Notes – Galatians 5:1 – Freedom

But listen, learning to live free is like learning to live underwater. What I mean is – living free is totally different than living under someone's authority.

Big Truth: There is nothing natural about living free.

When you are set free, you have to take a different route. You don't realize that your parents created a bridge for you.

There is a great lake that separates getting out of bed and moving into life. And for 18 years, your parents created a bridge so you could walk out your door, sometimes still in your pajama bottoms and slippers and walk right over into life.

You Were Created for Freedom (Galatians 5:1 & 6)

Big Truth: Jesus died for your freedom. Jesus wants you more than anything (*more than anything!*) to live free.

Jesus isn't like mom. Mom may still want to build you a little safe bridge. But Jesus wants to come along side of you and let you live life to the fullest but without becoming a slave to anything.

Remember Who You Are (Galatians 4:22-23, 28, & 31)

Paul writes about Abraham to give you a feel for who you are.

Were you born of a divine promise? Or born to be a slave?

I'm not talking about just how your parents made you feel. I'm talking about how you feel in life. Life has a way of making you feel like a mess, like a waste.

You were created a child of God and as a child of God, you are an heir of God, entitled to live in God's Kingdom and to have a place in that Kingdom, to have God's reputation.

Surround Yourself with Faithful People (Galatians 5:7-8)

The worst mistake you can make is to surround yourself with the wrong people.

- Surround yourself with people who believe in your freedom, who believe in your integrity, who believe in your future, who believe in your abilities, who always tell you the truth, who will always forgive you when you mess it all up, and who love you no matter what.

When you find them, do everything you can to establish your foundational relationships with them.

Remember Why You are Here (Galatians 5:13-14)

To live free, you have to figure out relationships.

Big Truth: Freedom is for serving one another in humble love. But we tend to use freedom to destroy relationships.

Wake up every day and remember that you are here on purpose and that purpose is to make life better for someone else.

Find a Power That Let's You Live Free (Galatians 5:16-17)

Battle rages in a free life. You want stuff that gratifies the flesh. And you won't want to sacrifice yourself to help other people.

The Spirit of God is a relationship. It is a consciousness of God's presence in every aspect of our life. It is paying attention to what God is doing in the world more than paying attention to what our body craves on the inside.

And this Spirit of God will create a new bridge out your door, one that will take you places you could never have imagined.

This Spirit of God will keep you free from everything in the world that wants to control you. Learn to access the Spirit of God.