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I. The Path to Freedom

As I was studying in the Word a couple of weeks ago, this verse of Scripture which kept popping up: John 8:36 (KJV) -³⁶ **If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

Therefore, I began to go deeper into God's Word to discover what this freedom entails and how to experience it in our lives and began formulating the message I will share with you this morning.

In John 8:36 there are two times that free is translated from the Greek in this verse.

The first time it is this word, *eleutheroō*, pronounced *el-yoo-ther-o'-o*, and it means to liberate, that is, (figuratively) to exempt (from moral, ceremonial or mortal liability): - deliver, make free.

The second time it is used in this verse, it is *eleutheros*, pronounced *el-yoo'-ther-os*, and it basically means unrestrained (to go at pleasure), that is, (as a citizen) **not a slave** (whether *freeborn* or *manumitted*), or (generally) **exempt (from obligation or liability): - free (man, woman), at liberty.**

This information is sometimes taken out of context by some who profess that once we are saved, we are free to and can do anything we want to do, even sin, as afterwards we can confess it and be forgiven. However they leave out other verses which tell us that basically after we are saved, our WANT TO's are changed because we are new creations.

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II. The Path to Salvation

So, to begin with we must verify what Truth is.

John 14:6 (KJV (WS)) - ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

1. This verse assures us that **Jesus is the way** to God, The word way is translated from the Greek hodos (*hod-os*)'-- *It is* apparently a primary word; meaning a **road**; by implication a *progress* (the **route**, act or distance); figuratively a **mode or means**: - **journey**, (high-) way.

Isaiah 35:8 (KJV (WS)) - ⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, and **it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.**

2. This scripture also says that **He is the Truth**— The Greek word alētheia (*al-ay'-thi-a*) *translates to: truth which* means true, truly, truth, verity.

3. And finally **it says that He is the Life**. —the Greek word used for life is: zōē (*dzo-ay*) *and it means 'life* (literally or figuratively): or life (-time).

4. Remember the text for the message this morning - John 8:36 (KJV) -³⁶ **If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

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III. Expanding our Understanding about Freedom

So, let us venture further into God's Word and see full scope of this freedom.

First we need to understand, in the Biblical sense, the difference between a slave and a servant:

servant — noun. a person working in the service of another.

slave — noun. a person who is legally owned by someone else and whose entire livelihood and purpose was determined by their master.

forced labor — noun. a group of people forced to work for a government and who are under government control.

slavery (work) — noun. work done under harsh conditions for little or no pay.

to enslave — verb. to make a slave of; bring into servitude.

slavery (lifestate) — noun. the state of subjection to an owner or master.

bondage — noun. the state of being under the control of another person.

to be enslaved — verb. to be made a slave or be brought into slavery.

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We must understand, that when our lives were without Christ, we were, according to the following Scriptures, Slaves of Sin. **Romans 6:18 -¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. tells us we have been freed from being slaves to sin and have become, instead, servants of Righteousness.**

Note Romans 6:18 says that we have been made free from sin, so it is telling us that a relationship with Christ has made us free from sin...not that we still won't sin, but basically we have been set free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:2 - ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

The rest of that verse says that we are now **SERVANTS of Righteousness,** (not SLAVES OF)

The following verses give us some additional information concerning this freedom. From what I have found out about servants in a Jewish household, they were basically treated as members of the family. They, most of the time, had the run of the house and could even have a business of their own which benefited themselves as well as the family they were serving. They were not SLAVES as such.

Romans 6:18–22 (KJV (WS)) - ¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. ¹⁹ I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. ²⁰ For when ye were the servants

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of sin, ye were free from righteousness. ²¹ What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? **for the end of those things is death.** ²² **But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**

Romans 6:23 (KJV (WS)) - ²³ For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:19 - ¹⁹ For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. ¹

What Paul is telling us here is an expansion of what our freedom entails...it is free from all men but he has freely made himself a servant (not a slave) in order to win some to Christ. Paul was a tentmaker by trade and he worked at that trade as he witnessed about the salvation of Christ.

Understand that God does not change the laws He has set up and therefore to free us from the law of sin and death required the shedding of blood (**Hebrews 9:22** - ²² And almost all things

¹ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ro 6:18–1 Co 9:19.

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are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**).²

Paul is telling us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin...Jesus shed HIS BLOOD on Calvary and purchased us as slaves to sin and set us free from the law of sin and death by HIS DEATH. And BLOOD.

We are unable to DO any works of Righteousness to make ourselves right with God. It is only by GRACE.

Ephesians 2:5 -⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:8 -⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and **that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:**³

Galatians 2:16 -¹⁶ Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, **but by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, **that we might be justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Galatians 3:10 -¹⁰ For **as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one**

² [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Heb 9:22.

³ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Eph 2:5–2 Ti 1:9.

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that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ⁴

These verses of Scripture should demolish any notion that we can obtain salvation by good works. **Good works are simply an outcome testifying of our salvation but is not a path to salvation.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – This verse is telling us there is an excellency in God's works and that it does not come by our works but by the works of God. Ecclesiastes 3:11 -¹¹ He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that **no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. ⁵**

Basically we are told that without Christ in our lives there is no fathoming God's plans for our lives and how HE accomplishes those plans for our lives.

There is a purpose and a plan for every thing we experience in our lives here on this planet. NOTHING takes God by surprise. He knows our going in and our coming out, (**Psalm 121:8 (KJV (WS)) ⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.**), but every time we make a wrong decision and begin to walk away from HIM and HIS WORD, He also makes a way of

⁴ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ga 2:16–6:4.

⁵ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ec 3:11–Is 64:11.

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escape....**but if we are neglecting HIS WORD, our way back may take longer than it should.**

1 Corinthians 10:13 - ¹³ There hath no temptation (trial or adversity) taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted (tried or tested) above that ye are able; but will with the temptation (trial or adversity) also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. ⁶

Acts 16:17 - ¹⁷ The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. ⁷ **Apparently she was mocking their testimony concerning Christ.** We run into those same type of people today mocking Christianity and several of those were not silent about it during their run for political office.

Simply put, we do what the Holy Spirit of God directs us to do and not what our flesh directs us to do but, the truth be told, **the flesh is hard for us to put to death but God has given us the information to be able to do that.**

⁶ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 1 Co 10:13.

⁷ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ac 16:17–Ro 1:1.

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Galatians 2:20 (KJV (WS)) ²⁰ **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,** who loved me, and gave himself for me.

In simple terms Paul is telling us that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, has transformed our lives and given us the power to overcome the desires and urges of the flesh, not by pumping ourselves up to try and have more faith to become victorious, **but simply by allowing the Life of Christ in us, the hope of glory, to manifest HIS POWER over and in our lives.....in other WORDS by HIS FAITH!**

Recall Galatians 2:20 – basically we place ourselves on HIS CROSS and begin to develop the knowledge that we WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM. **His death is our death and HIS RESURECTION our newness of life that HE gives to us.**

Paul in Romans 6:11 tells us:- ¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁸

I want to give you a definition of reckon.....basically it means **counting so what isn't so, so it will be so, because God says so.** In simple terms it means believing God's word in our lives about our POSITION (Ephesians 2:6 - ⁶ And hath raised *us* up

⁸ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ro 6:11.

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together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: ⁹) and not living by our condition or circumstances we are in.

IV. Our Great Salvation

Know this in your knower, **we have been made overcomers by Jesus Christ, and it all is a work of GOD, and not by good works that we do and it is a part of that Freedom we have in Christ.**

1 Corinthians 15:57 - ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:4 - ⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even our faith.* ¹⁰

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

So let us pause for a moment and look at some Scripture that points us to how this is possible in our lives.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 - ¹³ For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men,

⁹ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Eph 2:6.

¹⁰ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 1 Co 15:57–Re 15:2.

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but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually (energeō -- en-erg-eh'-o -- to be active, efficient: - do, (be) effectual (fervent), be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in) worketh also in you that believe. ¹¹ **Simply put the WORD of GOD in us works actively and fervently to accomplish the purpose for which it was sent into our lives.**
NOTE: GOD sent HIS WORD.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 is just one example of the fulfilment of Isaiah 55:11 (KJV (WS)) - **11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

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That truth is why we should involve ourselves in the consistent study of God's Word. **2 Timothy 2:15** - ¹⁵ **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

¹¹ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 1 Th 2:13–1 Ti 4:5.

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James 1:18 - ¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹²

Basically these verses point us to the power of the Word of God and the importance of the WORD of GOD in testifying to others.

John 5:24 - ²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:63 - ⁶³ It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:68 - ⁶⁸ Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Acts 5:17-20 -¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ **But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,** ²⁰ Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life¹³

¹² [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 1 Th 2:13–Jas 1:18.

¹³ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Ac 5:17–20.

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Recall Paul tells us in Ephesians to put on the whole armor of God and **he tells us that Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit.**

Ephesians 6:17 - ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁴

Note that the helmet of salvation comes before the sword of the Spirit....**we must be saved to utilize the sword of the Spirit in our battles with the enemy.**

Let me give you a verse of Scripture to always keep in mind when you begin to go through various trials in this life.

Jeremiah 29:11 - ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. ¹⁵

Just keep that verse in mind as you read GOD's WORD. His Word is Truth and Jesus tells us that the Truth will set us free.

Here are a few more verses to keep in mind, and **by now you should be getting an idea of how important it is to spend time reading and studying God's Word....it is life for our souls.**

Listen to **Isaiah 41:10 about His promises - ¹⁰ Fear thou not; for I am with thee:** be not dismayed; **for I am thy God: I will**

¹⁴ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Eph 6:17–Heb 4:12.

¹⁵ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Je 29:11–16.

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strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness (Jesus is seated at the right hand of GOD so we are upheld by HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, not ours. ¹⁶

Also 2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV (WS)) - ¹ For **he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

Note the **might be made** which shows us the truth that **our righteousness is not by us but made by GOD....it is all HIS WORK.**

2 Timothy 1:9 - ⁹ Who hath saved us, and **called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,** ¹⁷

1 Peter 2:9 - ⁹ But **ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

1 Peter 5:10 - ¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have**

¹⁶ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Is 41:10.

¹⁷ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 2 Ti 1:9–Heb 2:11.

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suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. ¹⁸

Here are a few other verses of Truth from God's Word to think on....precious promises we can trust God to fulfill in our lives.

Matthew 1:21 -²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 2:21 - ²¹ And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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Let me end our study by saying **God, through our relationship with Jesus Christ has given us and delivered us from being slaves to sin to become servants of the Most High God.**

¹⁸ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), 1 Pe 2:9–Re 1:9.

¹⁹ [*King James Version \(WORDsearch Edition\)*](#) (WORDsearch, n.d.), Mt 1:21–2 Ti 1:9.00

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He has also saved and delivered us from the guilt of sin, and tells us this great truth to encourage us as we walk the path laid out before us in this present life:

1 John 1:5–9 (KJV (WS)) - ⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Paul warns us in Philippians 2:12 - ¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ²⁰

That is only accomplished through an active fellowship with our Lord through the study of HIS WORD!

Blessed be the Lord and Bless HIS HOLY NAME!

²⁰ *King James Version (WORDsearch Edition)* (WORDsearch, n.d.),
Php 2:12.

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20. -Romans 6:1 (KJV)-¹ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
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44. 2 Timothy 1:9 (KJV)-⁹ Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
45. 1 John 1:5–9 (KJV)-⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
46. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
47. Philippians 2:12 (KJV)-¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.
48. Romans 8:28–31 (KJV) - ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **and obtain the liberty decreed by God in advance** ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. ³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?
49. Psalm 32:8 (KJV) - ⁸ I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.