

Called to be Free

Preamble - Gold Miner and Slave Story

In 1850 an Englishman went to California and made his fortunes working in the gold mines, he wanted to then go back home to England so he came overland to New Orleans, where he was then going to go to New York and back to England.

As a tourist in New Orleans he did what most tourists did and then headed down to the slave market as in the 1850's slaves were still being sold. And as he went there he saw lots of men all gathered there. He heard two men talking about what they were going to do with the woman they were about to bid for. The Englishman was disgusted by what he had heard, and so the bidding began, the prices were getting higher and higher and the Englishmen couldn't stand it, so he beckons the auctioneer and he says a figure that was double the last bid the highest price that they had ever had on that market before. The Auctioneer then turns to him and says "do you have the money?" and the Englishman replies "yes". The bill of sale was made out. So the Englishman then goes over to the block to take the woman that he had purchased, as she came down one step and stood just about level with his eyes, she spat in his face and hissed through her clenched teeth says "I hate you!", he says nothing and with the back of his hand wipes the spit off his face, takes her by the hand he walked with her down the street until he came to a little office building, she couldn't read, she didn't know what it was.

He went to the desk and began speaking, the man who was sitting behind the desk who began to protest but the English man said, "I insist it's the law, I insist!" and finally he came back paid some money and got a paper, he then walked over to the woman who was like a beast ready to spring on him, he handed her the papers and said "Here, here are your manumission papers, you are free". The woman tells him that she hates him again and the Englishman replies "didn't you understand what I said, I said here are your manumission papers, you are free!" She replies "you paid twice as much for me than anyone had ever paid for a slave in that market, I don't believe you". He replies "yes these are your manumission papers" and puts the papers in her hands.

The woman shocked says "Mister does this mean you bought me to set me free?". He said yes that is why I bought you, to set you free. Tears came up into her eyes, her face softens, she then slipped down to her hands and knees and put her hands around the miner's boot, and through her tears sobbed 'you set me free you've brought me to set me free, you paid more than anyone ever had just to set me free' she then looks up at the miner and

says “oh sir all I want to be in life is your slave, you bought me to set me free”

The Lord Jesus Christ bought you to set you free...

- Anxiety - Constantly thinking about the issues, being anxious or worrying over things - Not having the peace of God ruling in your thoughts, heart, unable to sleep easily
- Fears - The dark, being alone, afraid of the future, afraid of certain types of people, fear of dogs, fear of
- Nightmares and dark spiritual attacks
- Limited ways of thinking

Introduction - Free In Christ

Let me be clear, the Anointed One (Christ) has set us free-not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

Galatians 5:1 TPT

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Colossians 1:13-14**

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. **Colossians 2:15**

Freedom Defined

1. The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants.
 - Absence of subjection to domination, power of self-determination
2. Not being imprisoned or enslaved.
 - Unrestricted and able to move easily.
3. Not being subject to or affected by (something undesirable)

We all live in a spiritual Struggle

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. [11] Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this

dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:10-12

Your enemy the devil looks for open doors

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. **1 Peter 5:8-9**

- You have an enemy and he is prowling
- He is looking to devour
- He is looking for open doors - Legal entry points

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. " **Genesis 4:6-7**

- Cain was not bringing sacrifice worship in the right way
- And so the Lord did not accept his offering
- But the Lord still spoke to Him because he loved Him
- If you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you but you must master it - How? By doing the right thing
- Cain, sadly opened the door to sin and sin ruled him and he killed his brother
- Sin separates

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;
Psalms 66.18

Walking In The Light

This is the life-giving message we heard him share and it's still ringing in our ears. We now repeat his words to you: God is pure light. You will never find even a trace of darkness in him. [6] If we claim that we share life with him, but keep walking in the realm of darkness, we're fooling ourselves and not living the truth. [7] But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin. **1 John 1:5-7 TPT**

- God is pure light - We are called to live in the light too
- Walking in darkness gives the enemy access -
 - Sin diminishes our lives
 - Sin brings limitations,

- Sin holds us in bondage,
 - Sin can open the door to the enemy
- If we live in the light that surrounds him - unbroken fellowship with one another and also with the Lord
 - If we live in the light it continually cleanses us

Application

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

A. Turn from of all dark ways - Repent, Ask for forgiveness

But if we freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9 TPT**

- Anything the Holy Spirit has brought to mind this morning
- Things you know are traps in your life
- Do not live in Sin any more
- It's time too turn

B. Ask Jesus to be Lord

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C. Renounce sinful ways

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. [14] Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble. **Proverbs 28:13-14**

D. Expel the enemy

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 6:10-12**

E. Repair the past

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes. **Romans 12:2 TPT**