

# we truly lived in complete freedom?

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

## John 8:36

Do you ever feel trapped or controlled? Are there things in your life that hold you back from doing what God has called you, as a follower of Jesus, to do? This can be as simple as not wanting to share your faith for fear of what others might think or say. God wants us to live with the freedom to be who He has created us to be and to glorify Him in every area of our lives, free from fear and having peace in any circumstances.

### Biblical Freedom

The Bible makes it clear that, through Jesus, we have been set free from the yoke of sin and death (Gal 5:1) and that those who are in Him, with the help of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:17), can live in this freedom.

Freedom through Christ, however, doesn't mean that we won't face difficulties, hardship, persecution etc.

In essence, freed means that we can live at peace, and with joy and confidence to be who God has made us to be, despite what we may be facing (2 Cor 12:7-10).

### What Stops Us?

This could be things such as sin, pride, guilt, fear, doubt, shame/embarrassment, control or circumstances.

In every area, we have a choice about whether we allow them to control us, or if we submit them to God and allow His truth (and His Spirit) to lead us into freedom.

This could be through wisdom for tangible issues (finances, relationships etc). Or, it could be God releasing us from patterns of sin (or negative thinking) as we grow in our understanding of His love, grace and mercy for us, and His desire to use us for His glory.

## So, Does That Mean That We Can Do Anything We Want?

In 1 Cor 6:12, Rom 6 and Gal 5:13-15, Paul makes it clear that, while we are no longer under the law, this does not mean that we can use it as an excuse to carry on living sinful lives.

James 1:23-25 tells us that, if we hear the word of God but don't walk in it, we are like a person who looks in the mirror and then immediately forgets what they look like. It also tells us that, if we walk in step with God's word, we will be blessed in what we do.

**This Month's Challenge...** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any areas where you are not living in freedom. Submit these to God and ask him to reveal to you His will in them. If there are areas you need help walking through, share these with a Christian you trust so they can stand alongside you. Step out in faith and trust that God will be with you along the way.  
**At the end of the month, reflect on whether you are living with more freedom than before.**