



WEEK 4: No Longer in Captivity

After a month of studying freedom in Christ, the one thing I want you to know is that sin doesn't have to have any power over you - that you are safely in the hands of God and free from the power of sin.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:18 - "Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living." (NLT)

1 John 1:7 - "But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." (NLT)

Psalms 5:11 - "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love Your name may be filled with joy." (NLT)

John 10:28-30 - "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and He is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." (NLT)

APPLICATION

We are no longer held captive by our sin. We are no longer controlled by our temptations or fears. Through the act of Jesus dying on the cross for us, we are safe with Him forever. We will live eternally with Jesus through no act of our own.

Isn't that amazing? We have been purified and cleansed. When God looks at us He only sees His children. He doesn't see our mistakes and failures. We get to live a life of freedom. That doesn't have to wait until we are in Heaven, either. Knowing that we've been given a new life, we should be living our lives differently on earth.

We should be living in service of others, guiding them to this life of freedom. Are you willing to give up the guilt of sin and step into freedom?

QUESTIONS

1. Have you accepted this life of freedom with Jesus? If not, what's holding you back?
2. Re-read Romans 6:18. What does it mean to be a "slave to righteous living?"
3. How does living in freedom make your life look different?

Homework: The bible tells us to write the words of the Lord on our hearts. AKA we're supposed to memorize scripture so that it's ingrained into our lives and hearts. Write down Psalm 5:11 EVERY DAY this week and say it out loud. This is your memory verse for the week.

PRAYER

Lord - thank you for the freedom you've given me through Your Son. Thank you for rescuing me from a life of shame. Lord, I know that a life of freedom doesn't mean that life will be perfect, but I know that it does mean that YOU are in control and not sin. I know that you see me as pure and untainted by my mistakes. Lord I want others to know this life of freedom. Please give me the courage to live my life in reflection of You. Thank you for Your peace and for Your Son. In Jesus name, AMEN.

Take your time with the study.. Read through the scripture mentioned above - familiarize yourself with the context of the verses. Talk about freedom in Christ with your community. Pray about using your freedom well every day. Above everything else, thank God for it!

YOU LOOK STRONGER ALREADY!