

FREEDOM TRAINING - Listening Guide
SESSION 2

Review the Iceberg Drawing

John 8:34

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin."

Sin becomes a cruel master that has control over your life. It becomes a prison that we have to break out of.

Lies are the chains that hold you captive to sin.

Galatians 3:22

But the scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

GOOD NEWS - God wants to set us free.

"Freedom" by Derek Wilder:

- Freedom From Other People's Opinions
- Freedom From Failure
- Freedom From Being Used... Even By God
- Freedom From Wanting What We Don't Have
- Freedom From The Past And Future
- Freedom From Difficult Circumstances
- Freedom From The Need To Fix Others

Biblical Example of Slavery & Freedom: Israelites in the book of Exodus.

- It's not as easy to be set free as we think because our habit is to be slaves.
- *most of us **SAY** we want to be free but we don't **REALLY** want to be free.*

TURN TO and TRUST IN = FREEDOM

- Turn to Jesus by turning away from sin.
- Trust in Jesus
- Freedom is received, not earned.

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

- Freedom here and now.
- Not free from the presence of sin, but free from the POWER of sin.

FREEDOM TRAINING - Discussion Questions

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- 1) Have you been successful being set free from sin apart from Jesus? Why do you think you had this success? Why not?
- 2) What are some experiences in your life where you've found yourself held captive and needed to break free?
- 3) Discuss this statement: *most of us **SAY** we want to be free but we don't **REALLY** want to be free.* What does this statement mean? Share an example or 2 from your own lives.
- 4) How did the Israelites handle their new freedom in the book of Exodus? Why can the idea of freedom be scary?
- 5) Read Galatians 5:1 out loud. What does this statement mean? Discuss the difference between being set free from the penalty of sin and being set free from the power of sin.