

## Freedom Study #1.... “Let My People Go”

### “This Is How It Feels To Be Free” (Phillips, Craig, & Dean 1996)

There’s a wall that has been standing  
Since the day that Adam fell  
Sin is where it started, and sin is why it held  
Speakin as a prisoner  
Who was there and lived to tell  
I remember how it fell

I can hear the sound of freedom  
Like a distant voice who called  
And beckon me to follow, where I had never gone  
And though my heart is willin  
I just stood there at the wall  
Prayin somehow it would fall

But in a cross I found a doorway  
And a hand that held a key  
And when the chains fell at my feel  
For the first time I could see

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This is how it feels to be free  
This is what it means to know that I am forgiven  
This is how it feels to be free  
To see that life can be more than I imagined  
This is how it feels to be free, This is how it feels to be free

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There are days when I’m reminded of the prison I was in  
Like a livin nightmare, burning deep within  
I can feel the voice of evil, I can hear the call of sin  
But I won’t go back again

See, Once I tasted freedom, and the chains could bind no more  
Since mercy gave me wings to fly, like an eagle I can soar

Somewhere there’s a prison where the chains still bind  
If not for the grace of God those walls could still be mine  
So far all the captives (who believe) are saved

## I. The Potential of Spiritual Freedom

God’s will is for you to experience and walk in spiritual freedom. Since the Garden of Eden, this has been God’s heart for you.
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There are many believers who have never understood the full power of their salvation. They haven't fully understood the strength that comes from Christ.

They have let the devil **tether** them to a stake of guilt, failure, fear, anger, chaos, etc. They believe that they are limited, damaged, and defeated.

John 10:10 (NIV84)

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## II. **I want to try to give you a picture of our destination, where we want you to arrive.**

Freedom is worth whatever price you need to pay.  
I want to try to give you a picture of walking in freedom.

I want to ask you some questions:

- What is spiritual freedom?
- Is it possible to live in freedom even though I am imperfect?
- What does it feel like and look like to be free?

“Let my people go!”

Exodus 1:11, 13-14, 22; 2:23-25

Some of you understand those verses deeply. Maybe you feel like a prisoner.

Exodus 15 said the people began singing and worshiping.

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously.

The Lord is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation.”



Nov. 9, 1987 when President Reagan stood in West Berlin and said “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”

It erupted into an international celebration. Joy, celebration, and tears of freedom.

Jesus is tearing down walls.



Colonel Robert Stirm, a POW who was captured and held for 5 years. But finally released. This famous picture caught the moment of reunion!



This is how it feels to be set free.

III. **“Let my people go.” Are the words of Moses. But they are also the heart of Jesus over you.**

Jesus is saying over us “Let my people go.”

He wants you to dance, celebrate, to have joy, to be released from things that bind you, wound you, and restrict you.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV84)

<sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Here’s Jesus vision statement.....

Luke 4:18–19 (NIV84)

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to **proclaim** freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

John 8:32 (NLT)

<sup>32</sup>And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Galatians 5:1 (NIV84)

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

I hope you are hearing this message. It is God’s will for you to be free.

- James 5:16 (NIV84) ...Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- Galatians 6:1 (NIV84) ...Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.
- Proverbs 4:18 (NIV84) ...The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.
- Romans 8:13 (NIV84) ...For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,
- 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV84) ...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.

#### IV. What is Spiritual Freedom?

We are not talking about **political freedom**.

We are talking about something even more critical: **spiritual freedom**.

Spiritual freedom is all about receiving Jesus as the center of your life and then living in His life and grace until you are **not tethered** to anything but Him.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV84)

<sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

“Lord”= Gr. Kyriou = The Mighty Ruler, The One Who commands, the One who exercises supernatural authority

John 8:36 (NIV84)

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free **indeed**.

“**Indeed**” = Gr. ontos (on-toce) really, certainly, a truly  
John chose this word of emphasis, to underline freedom.  
This is the only time that John uses this word in his gospel!

**Freedom is a quality of Jesus Throne and His Kingdom, it fills heaven.**

Freedom is about receiving His transformation, coming into alignment with God's Kingdom, His will and purpose for your life because it brings great freedom.

Jesus was completely, absolutely free.

He didn't worry about people's opinions, he wasn't burdened with shame, he didn't struggle with any addiction or anger issue.

Spiritual freedom is more than one event, more than one great service or one worship experience. Those moments change us and bring us to new levels of victory. They become Bethel moments.

Freedom is an ongoing application of Christ's life until it is a growing, operational reality.

**We can learn to apply the finished work of Christ to every unfinished thing in me.**

We all have stuff that needs freedom and stuff diminishes living.  
It pops up and burst out at inconvenient times.

**V. The good news is that you can find freedom!**

Jesus will give you miraculous breakthroughs that will change your outlook and even your lifestyle.

You don't have to be perfect to find freedom.  
God calls us from our destiny not from our history.

The pursuit of freedom begins tonight.

We are starting a FREEDOM MARCH tonight.