

The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans
“The Truth About Walking In Freedom” Romans 6:14-23
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Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 (NLT2) Remember Verse

I Can Walk In Freedom By:

1. Avoiding Halfhearted Obedience

Sin is no longer your **master**, for you no longer live under the **requirements of the law**. Instead, you live under the **freedom of God’s grace**. Well then, since **God’s grace has set us free** from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning?

Of course not! Romans 6:14-15 (NLT2)

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. **1 Peter 2:16 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. Choosing To Live Rightly

“Don’t you realize that you become the **slave** of whatever you **choose** to obey? You can be a **slave to sin**, which **leads to death**, or you can choose to **obey God**, which leads to **righteous living**. **Romans 6:16 (NLT2)**

Jesus replied: **“Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

3. Choosing Wholehearted Obedience

Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you **wholeheartedly** obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are **free** from your slavery to sin, and you have **become slaves to righteous living**. Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the **illustration** of slavery to help you understand all this. **Previously**, you let yourselves be **slaves to impurity and lawlessness**, which led ever deeper into sin. Now **you must give yourselves** to be **slaves to righteous living** so that you will become holy. **Romans 6:17-19 (NLT2)**

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are **now ashamed** of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. **Romans 6:20-21 (NLT2)**

My old self has been **crucified** with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**. So I live in this earthly body by **trusting** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” **Galatians 2:20 (NLT2)**

- **The Power Of Spiritual Momentum**

But now you are **free from the power of sin** and have **become slaves of God**. Now **you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life**. For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord**. **Romans 6:22-23 (NLT2)**

Dr. CeCe: “Then what?” Exercise. [write out positive & negative examples]
If I do _____. Then what will be the results? _____

“You, my brothers, were **called to be free**. But do not use your freedom to **indulge** the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” **Galatians 5:13 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

➤ **Who will you choose to serve?**

My next right steps to freedom, I will:

- [] Read the Bible- YouVersion Plan: Walk Through The Bible 365
- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- [] Review the Talk It Over notes with someone
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism July 11, 2021
- [] Attend Family Beach Day at Silver Strand

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Icebreaker for families: Who was your first “Boss”? Was he/she easy to work for or a slave driver?

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I Can Walk In Freedom By:

1. Refusing Halfhearted Obedience

Read Romans 6:14-15

If Paul was around today, what would he say that enslaves our society?

Read Galatians 5:1

How can you get tied up in serving the law and miss out on your freedom in Christ?

Read 1 Peter 2:16

How do some people use their freedom in Jesus as an excuse to do wrong?

2. Choosing To Live Rightly

Read Romans 6:16

What are the two choices we have to serve? Vs. 16-18

What is the result of slavery to sin?

What is the benefit to serving God and the result?

Read Matthew 22:37-40

How does Jesus describe what it looks like to serve God?

Practically speaking, how can you do this?

3. Choosing Wholehearted Obedience

Read Romans 6:17-21

How do you feel about being a slave to God?

On a scale of 1 to 10, how wholeheartedly did you serve God this past month?

If you were to act as God's willing servant, what would change in your thoughts and actions?

What would this commitment mean?

Read Galatians 2:20

How does Paul describe his commitment to Jesus? Does this describe you?

Read Romans 6:22-23

What are the benefits of serving God?

Dr. CeCe, "Then what?" Exercise. [write out positive & negative examples]

If I do:

Then what will be the results?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
