

FINDING FREEDOM by Pastor Jarrod Davidoff January 10, 2021

You can be a child of God yet unfortunately you can still walk in bondage to certain things.

These can be addictions that you had before believing in Jesus-alcohol, Nicotine, drugs, pornography, etc. These are the main areas that the devil knows you have weakness so just be aware that he will set traps for you.

These can be mindsets:

- Poverty mindset, racist mindset, sexist mindset, low self esteem

It is therefore crucial for us go to the Word of God to find freedom for the challenges we may face

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. **35** And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. **36** Therefore **if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

Jesus wants you to be free from guilt, pain and shame. He has saved you and brought you into His marvelous kingdom. He has created an amazing inheritance for you and given you great and mighty promises.

Yet the devil will forever try to entangle you with his vices of sin. You see he knows that when we sin, it robs us of our confidence towards God, and you feel embarrassed.

THE TRAP:

He knows **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

So he knows that if he can get us to doubt God, then we will displease God and ultimately fall out of fellowship with God, then sin and then be ensnared.

Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage

This is an incredible promise in that whatever challenge you face spiritually, physically or psychologically.

How do you get free or STAY FREE?

1. Stop putting yourself in the same situation

Matthew 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

- Eye is what you look at
- Hand is what you do
- When I got saved I couldn't hang out with certain friends like I used to... I knew it would corrupt me.

- Going to a nightclub, bar, drinking with old friends, going back to your girlfriends home, etc
- Reposition yourself to have Christian friends...

2. Renew the mind

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice (CRAWL OFF THE ALTAR) , holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. **2** And do not be conformed (BE LIKE) to this world, but be **transformed** (CHANGED. HOW?) **by the renewing of your mind** (SO THAT'S THE KEY) , that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Daily bible plan

So basically you need to develop new habits by making the Word your source

HOW?

1. Accept its authority

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

This is the foundation for our faith-we need to believe the bible is true and dependable.

A created thing yields to its creator the same way a piece of machinery yields to updates from its manufacturer.

2. Learn the word

Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, **7** rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Psalms 119:64 The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

3. Meditate on His Word

Psalms 1:2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

Read it, listen to the audio bible.

4. Memorize His Word

Proverbs 7:2 Keep my commands and live,
And my law as the apple of your eye.
3 Bind them on your fingers;
Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Cody and some of the kids in church go to Bible Quiz competitions. Some kids there can quote chapters of the bible.

INSTANT RECALL

When you are in a situation and you need to know what to do, the Holy Spirit will remind you of the Word and you will know what to do.

5. Respond to God's word

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

John 13:17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

In conclusion let us look to

Ephesians 4:20 But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another. **26** "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place to the devil. **28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you

3. Resist the devil & submit to God

Now that you belong to God doesn't mean Satan will leave you alone. Some of us that do big things for God become a great threat to him.

2 car accidents

School invasion

Demons attacking me

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

7 Therefore submit to God. (LORD I DECIDE TO COME UNDER YOUR KINGDOM RULE. I ACCEPT THE WORD AS YOUR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY) Resist the devil (SATAN I RESIST YOU IN JESUS NAME) and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

4. Get deliverance

You may have opened the door to the enemy.

Isaiah 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

THE MAN OF THE GADARENES

Luke 8:26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. **27** And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. **28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” **29** For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

30 Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?”

And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. **31** And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

32 Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. **33** Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. **35** Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. **36** They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. **37** Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, **39** "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.