FREEDOM

INTRODUCTION

"Grandpa, why does Pastor Dunn keep saying that people are in bondage? I thought we lived in a country where everyone was free, I'm confused..."

"Well grandson, Pastor is speaking about spiritual bondage, and part of his job as the pastor is to speak what God gives him, in hopes that the people of God will take heed and break free from the corruption of sin that has enslaved us for generations. See, when you abide in sin, it becomes your LORD, it rules your decisions, and it causes you to react in the ways you do. When you are in this state, your mind, your body and your soul are held captive to sin."

Memory Verse: John 8:36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

BIBLICAL LESSON

Freedom is a state of being that all humans desire. Humans aspire for choice as well as the ability to live and act without restraint. When we live in sin our freedom is compromised as free will is taken away from us. You can be truly free only after you yield yourself to the Holy Spirit.

No longer bound to sin... Romans 6:1-9

The spirit of the LORD brings freedom... Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:16-19

Freedom by faith... Galatians 5:1-13

Free to be redeemed. Romans 8:20-23

APPLICATION

As you look over your life, prior to receiving God's spirit, what things were you enslaved to that you know have liberty from.

Are there any remnants of sin captivity in your life?