



“Live by the Spirit!”

Escape Series

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GOD'S BIG IDEA: Exercise your spiritual freedom **WISELY**.

1. Free to **BE FREE**. (Galatians 5:1)

“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...”

- ♦ **YOU** didn't make **YOU** free, **JESUS** did!
- ♦ The greatest freedom you and I have is the freedom to **CHOOSE**.... a **MASTER**.

2. Free to **LOVE** and **SERVE** each other. (Galatians 5:6, 13-15)

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.”

- ♦ Use your freedom **SELFLESSLY** not **SELFISHLY**.
- ♦ Best question these days: *What's the **LOVING** thing to do?*

3. Free to **FOCUS ON GOD**. (Galatians 5:16-18, 25)

“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law...”²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

- ♦ Your **FOCUS** determines your **REALITY**.
- ♦ It's easier to **FOLLOW GOD** when you are **LED BY HIM**.

Parting shot: The greatest temptation isn't giving *in*, it's giving *up*...

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” –Galatians 6:9

C3 Message Discussion

Last Week's Next Steps: Did you gather at C3 on Sunday's online stream to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: What one idea from the message is playing over in your mind?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

1. Reflect on a time (perhaps recently) when you were bored. How did you end up spending your time? How did you decide what to do?
2. Galatians 5:6 says "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Brainstorm some ideas about how you can express your faith through loving actions this week.
3. We talk this weekend about exercising our spiritual freedom wisely. As followers of Jesus, why is this so important?
4. Galatians 5:16 tells us that walking "by the Spirit" is our best offensive weapon against giving in to temptation. According to verses 22-23, what spiritual weapons are available to help us do this?

This Week's Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

"Lord Jesus, thank you that because of your Spirit working in my life I don't have to live as a slave to sin and the things that tempt me to stray in my relationship with you. Help me to walk in freedom, to love others selflessly, and to see every moment of every day is an opportunity to grow closer to you. Amen."