

Freed for More
Series: More than a Song
Scripture: Romans 6:12-23

"How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." (1 Kings 18:21)

We aren't just _____ from sin, we're _____ to _____ life in Christ.

- John 8:36

_____ grace sets us _____ as _____ to the Lord.

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- What we _____ to and ultimately _____ reveals whose _____ we are accepting over our lives.
- The point of God's grace isn't _____ _____. It's being _____ into the _____ of Jesus.

How are you strategically placed to bring glory to God throughout the week?

1. _____ Your New Status.
2. _____ _____ to your old master.
3. _____ Yourself to _____.
   - Treat obedience as a _____, conscious _____ of worship (Romans 12).

One Question to Carry This Week:

Am I still trying to balance life on the fence, or am I fully embracing the freedom Christ has given me to live for Him?

TALK IT OVER

Start Talking.

- When you hear the word freedom, what comes to mind?
- Have you ever tried to have the best of both worlds, only to discover you couldn't really enjoy either one?

Start Thinking:

- Read Romans 6:12–23. What stands out to you about Paul's description of being set free from sin?
- Pastor Troy describes a “fence straddler” as someone trying to hold on to the world while following Christ. Why is that such a difficult place to live spiritually?
- What does it mean that we’re not just saved from sin but freed for a new life in Christ?
- Pastor Troy said, “What we listen to and ultimately obey reveals whose authority we are accepting over our lives.” How does this connect with Paul's teaching about being slaves to sin or slaves to righteousness?

Start Sharing:

- Are there areas of life where it’s tempting to hold on to old habits while trying to follow Jesus?
- How does understanding sanctifying grace help you see spiritual growth as more than simply trying harder to be good?
- What are some practical ways we can offer our time, thoughts, and actions to God each day?
- How might your choices and lifestyle influence the people God has placed around you?

Start Praying:

- Thank God for the freedom and forgiveness we have through Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you may still be holding on to your old way of life.
- Pray for God's grace to continue transforming you into the likeness of Christ.

Start Doing:

- **Recognize:** Remind yourself daily that sin is no longer your master. You are a new creation in Christ.
- **Evaluate:** Examine one habit, behavior, or influence in your life. Does it help you grow closer to Jesus?
- **Yield:** Make one intentional choice each day to offer your time, thoughts, or actions to God.

Remember: The goal isn't to learn how to balance better on the fence. It's to experience the glorious freedom of a life fully surrendered to Jesus.