

## *We've been discussing: The Requirements of Freedom*

*Remember what our scriptural foundation, Galatians 5:1 says Stand fast (maintain your position) therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free (that's the supernatural part) and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (This is the natural part we are responsible for).*

- *Nothing is more powerful than understanding the bondage of slavery is self-imposed and we have the ability to free ourselves.*

*To experience biblical freedom, it's critical to understand that world-systems generate more and more bondages; as a result, we've become*

*hostages to innovation, victims of modern technology and prisoners of social media all because we missed the principle required to realize true freedom.*

*We discovered the fullness of freedom is based on the depth of understanding these requirements for freedom:*

- *Responsibility*
- *Accountability*
- *Productivity*

*When carried out with the power of choice, these requirements determine if we will experience true freedom in this life.*

***Remember:*** *Just because we have the power to choose, doesn't mean we will make the right choice.*

*Jesus tells us the knowledge we are exposed to will affect the amount of freedom we experience in this life.*

***Verse 31 and 32 of John 8 says.*** Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. “If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. *(that’s responsibility)* **32** Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you.”  
*(The Message)*

*It’s possible for a person to be free from prison but remain a prisoner to an unchanged mindset (what would make a difference is the application of responsibility, accountability and productivity).*

*Also, to fully participate in all freedom has promised, there must be an understanding between deliverance, the wilderness and productivity.*

*For example: the excitement of the Israelites experiencing the hand of God in dealing with their enemy at the Red Sea, quickly turned into sorrow as they were not prepared to face what was ahead of them in the promises land.*

***(Numbers 14)***

- *Deliverance is like going on a honeymoon – while the experience provides a beautiful memory for love and happiness, it doesn't fulfill the long-time journey and process for a loving, long-term marriage requires.*
- *Deliverance is only an event that prepared us for freedom.*

- *Deliverance means God is working for us and independent of us.*

*Deliverance is about God working miracles; God supplies the Grace (His empowering presence) that helps us in our journey out of bondage.*

*The Israelites were not responsible for their deliverance out of Egypt; God filled the gap of their inability; this empowered them to deliver themselves.*

**Deuteronomy 5:15 says** Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

- *There is nothing wrong with getting a helping hand as long as we know personal*

*responsibility comes with accepting a helping hand.*

***For example:*** In John 5 when Jesus healed the impotent man who was sick for thirty-eight years, he commanded him to be responsible by taking up his bed and walking.

- *After deliverance there will be wilderness training and preparation on how to live in freedom.*

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*The wilderness is where we learn to trust God when we cannot see any trace of His presence. It's where we have to rely on our faith to get what He has promised us.*

*Also, the purpose of the wilderness experience is to develop our ability to respond to the training and the testing that God provides to find out if we qualify to walk in freedom.*

- *In freedom, God gives us what we can manage not what we ask for.*
- *During difficult situations, God never takes anyone forward until they quit looking backward.*

*When we are preoccupied with realities of our past trauma more than our present and future possibilities, we can become consumed by past trauma experiences.*

*When we allow past and present trauma to dominate our mindset, we lose the ability to hope for present and future opportunities.*

*God wants us to abandon memories of the past in the wilderness of negative experiences; this*

*allows us to learn how to handle the responsibility of freedom.*

**Isaiah 43: 18** *says*, “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. **19.** Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

- *In the wilderness, things will be removed from us that are used as excuses as to why we cannot see ourselves living in the Promised Land.*
- *In the wilderness, what we brought out of bondage with us will have to die with us. We must defeat the enemy within before we overcome the enemy without.*



- *Many failures in life can be traced back to the perception we have of ourselves and others who occupy what we want.*

*An example of this was the Israelites; instead of seeing grapes, their focus was on the giants. In Numbers 13, ten of the spies focused on the giants (*we were not able*) but Caleb and Joshua focused on the grapes (*we are well able*).*

*The wilderness experience is to teach us how we should see ourselves and how we should act out what freedom is all about.*

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