

**SUNDAY
TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM
Psalm 100**

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD'S WORD:
Pray so you will receive the Holy Spirit's help in every moment of your life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before God:
1. What am I doing with my free time?
2. Meditate on verse 3 and answer the following question. How can I be sure that I'm using my freedom according to God's will?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY
I will invite a friend who hasn't receive the salvation to come to church.

Declaration of God's Word:
Declare God's Word from Monday through Saturday and add Psalm 100:3
3 Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
Today I will pray in unity with a family member using our own prayer list.

LESSON:
The people who created the declaration of independence, acknowledged their faith and assurance in God by stating that God was the one who gave grace to everyone. This grace allows us to live a free life and enable us to chase after happiness. They also acknowledged that God treasures each and everyone of us. The founding fathers love the concept of freedom for the individual but they didn't refer to the free life that allows us to do whatever we please. This true freedom will not be enjoyed by someone who refuses to respect God.

The Psalmist said in Psalm 100:3, "Know that the Lord, He is God; *It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*" From this verse, we are responsible to God because He has created us and gave us the freedom through His grace.

Let us recommit to live a life as God's children who are responsible. This is the way to enjoy the true freedom.



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**SEASON OF GRACE:
FREEDOM**

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Sun	TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM	Psalm 100

NOTE:

Psalm 100
*A Psalm of Thanksgiving.
Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
3 Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
5 For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*

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To:

Monday
WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
THERE WOULD BE NO FREEDOM
John 14:1-6

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will receive the Word of God today by meditating it with all of my heart and be willing to do whatever God wants me to do.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before God:
1. Meditate on verse 6 and answer the following question. What does Jesus mean for my life?
2. Take the time to meditate on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
In every situation and moment, I will remind myself to give thanks.

Declaration of God’s Word:
Declare God’s Word from **John 14:6**
“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will pray in unity with a friend in faith using our own VIP prayer list and for our own personal prayer needs as well.



NOTE:

John 14:1-6
The Way, the Truth, and the Life
14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”
5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”
6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Saturday
PROCLAIM THE NEWS OF FREEDOM
Isaiah 58:6-12

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on today’s Word of God. But first I will pray that today’s Word changes my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that the Lord is speaking to me through His Word and that is why I want to respond to it seriously, so I can experience change in my thinking and character.
1. From the verses I meditated on today, what does the Lord want me to do as a person who has been made free?
2. From the verses above, what kind of news of freedom does the Lord want me to proclaim?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
Today, I will proclaim the news of grace to at least one person.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Friday and also add **Isaiah 58:12**, **“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”**



NOTE:

Isaiah 58:6-12
6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.
“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,

10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.
11 The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.
You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.
12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Friday
FREEDOM THAT ENSLAVES
Romans 6:15-23

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on God’s Word today. First, I will pray for God’s Word today to change my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that God is speaking to me through His Word and I will respond to it seriously so I may experience changes in my mind and character.

1. How can freedom enslave a person?
2. What does it mean to become slaves of righteousness? Meditate on verses 17-23

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will use my free time with useful things and strengthening one another.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Friday and add Romans 6:15, “What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will share the commitment I made today with a friend of faith who started to draw further from God and pray in agreement with him/her.

LESSON:
In this modern era, people continue to idolize their freedom in individuality and personal rights. The issues of abortion and free sex is spreading uncontrollably in the world.

Every free choice we make has its consequences - either good or bad. If we use freedom the wrong way, that freedom will enslave us. There is only one freedom that will truly set us free, and that is when we give our freedom to Christ by becoming His slave/servant (Romans 6:16-18).

Becoming a slave of Christ will actually free us from every slavery of sin and bring us to the way to heaven. Each of us has the freedom to choose. That choice is a choice between two masters. You can only get true freedom when you choose Christ as your Master.

Tuesday
TRUE FREEDOM
John 8:30-36

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on today’s Word of God. But first I will pray that today’s Word changes my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that the Lord is speaking to me through His Word and because of that I want to respond to it seriously, so I can experience change in my thinking and character.

1. Meditate on verse 36, what is meant by the following verse?
2. What is meant by true freedom in Jesus Christ? What are the characteristics of someone who has experienced this true freedom?

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
Everyday I will spend time with the Lord as often as possible and meditate on His Word.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday and also add John 8:36, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will share the commitment I made today to a friend in faith who has fallen back and together we will pray in agreement.

LESSON:
Many people think that freedom is associated with not having any ties, barriers, restrictions, or binding rules. Yet, does freedom mean that we can do whatever we want without paying any attention to the rules and regulations?

The devil always casts out false seeds, so that people think that without rules or the law of God, humans can fulfill true freedom. Freedom is interpreted as detachment from the law. This is the biggest lie that deceives many people, including Christians.

When actually, without rules we would never receive true freedom! Pay attention to John 8:32. Truth is what will set us free. When we speak about truth, we cannot escape from God’s Word. If we live without being led by the Word of God, but by our own freedom to do anything, then our ‘freedom’ will soon change to become bondages of sin. A free lifestyle will often times create people who are addicted to drugs, alcohol, free sex, etc. Those of us who already know God’s grace should always allow our life to be led by that grace and not our own will/desire. God’s grace brings us true freedom, so that is why we should live in His grace.

NOTE:

Romans 6:15-23

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOTE:

John 8:30-36

30 Even as he spoke, many believed in him. Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus’ Opponents Are 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” 34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Wednesday
THE WRONG FEELING OF SECURITY
Luke 12:15-21

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on God’s Word today. First, I will pray for God’s Word today to change my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will meditate on the verses above and answer the questions below honestly before the Lord:
1. How can riches enslave someone?
2. What does it mean by being rich in Christ?
Meditate on verse 21

[T] - TAKE ACTION / APPLY:
I will guard my heart and mind from any worries by declaring God’s Word in every situation.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declare God’s Word from Monday-Tuesday and add **Matthew 6:21**, **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
Today I will pray in agreement with my family for our family’s VIP prayer list.



NOTE:

Luke 12:15-21
15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”
16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’
18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”
20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’
21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Thursday
FREEDOM THAT IS DANGEROUS
Galatians 5:1-6, 16-21

[A] - ACCEPT / RECEIVE GOD’S WORD:
I will direct my heart and mind to meditate on God’s word today. First, I will pray that God’s word today changes my life.

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I believe that God is speaking to me through His word. Because of that, I want to respond to it wholeheartedly, so I may experience a change in mind and character.
1. According to verses 20-21, what’s the difference of the freedom that results from fleshly acts?
2. Meditate on verse 1; how should I use my freedom in Christ?

[C] - CONTEMPLATE / MEDITATE ON:
I will learn to give the best to God in my time, my words, and anything that I do.

DECLARATION OF GOD’S WORD:
Declaration of God’s word from Monday-Friday, then add today’s, **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.”**

[S] - SHARE / STRENGTHEN:
I will share the commitment that I made today with a friend in faith who is drawing further and pray in agreement with them.



NOTE:

Galatians 5:1-6, 16-21
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. 2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 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. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.