

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM
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(All Scriptures is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted)

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*The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophetlike you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. **Deuteronomy 1:17-19***

*They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." **John 1:21***

*⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." **John 1:45***

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **Luke 4:18-19***

*"Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down..." **Luke 4:20a***

*The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." **Luke 4:20b-21***

*¹⁻² With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. **Romans 8:1-2 (MSG)***

ARE YOU A SLAVE TO SIN????

SIGNS:

- **REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES, YOU KEEP DOING IT.**
- **YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOURSELF WHEN YOU TRY TO STOP.**

*"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." **Romans 6:17***

*"So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." **Galatians 4:7***

- **YOU WORK REALLY HARD TO KEEP IT A SECRET.**
- **YOU GO TO IT TO DEAL WITH IT.**

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. Exodus 6:6

“Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.” Exodus 6:9

This Weeks Faith Challenge

- **I will take time this week to reflect on the areas of my life that are keeping me a slave to sin and deal with them.**

One More Thing: What was one thing you believe the Holy Spirit revealed to you this morning? _____

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