

Uncharted

Week 2

Cages | Overcoming What's Holding You Back

Key Scripture: Romans 8:14 - "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Supporting Verse: "The just shall live by his faith." — Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV); quoted in Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38.

Introduction:

- Emphasize the significance of living a life led by faith.
- Highlight the idea that we are at our best when taking leaps of faith.

Understanding Cages:

- Reference Luke 4:18-19: Discuss various "prisons" or "cages" that hold us captive beyond sin, such as:
 - Legalistic traditions
 - Addiction
 - Suffering
 - Personal limitations

Personal Reflection:

- Share the imagery of a huge eagle trapped in a cage, symbolizing untapped potential and being held back from flying.

Mark Batterson's Six Cages:

1. Cage of Responsibility:

- Daily responsibilities can hinder spiritual obedience.
- Scripture Reference: Luke 14:16-24 emphasizes prioritizing God's call.

2. Cage of Routine:

- Even positive routines need disruption for growth.
- Quote: "Change of place + change of pace = change of perspective."

3. Cage of Assumption:

- Self-limiting beliefs based on age, qualifications, and timing.
- Reflection on Ephesians 3:20: God can do beyond our imagination.

4. Cage of Guilt:

- Past wrongs and focus on failures disqualify us from God's purpose.
- Avoiding looking in the rear-view mirror to prevent stagnation.

5. Cage of Failure:

- Learning from failed plans is essential for growth.
- Quotes for inspiration: "Failure isn't final." "Trial and error are part of discovery."

6. Cage of Fear:

- Address fears of the unknown, failure, and inadequacy.
- Encourage openness to the Spirit's leading toward freedom.

Freedom in Christ:

- Jesus preaches freedom and leads us to open these cages.
- The Spirit leads us to realize our potential, which may not align with worldly success.

Principle:

- "Faith doesn't follow signs; signs follow faith."

Biblical Example - Moses (Exodus 3:1-6):

- Reflect on Moses' struggles with guilt (murder), failure (leading people), and fear (Egypt).
- Discuss the "far side of the desert" as a metaphor for hiding from purpose:

O God knows our locations and struggles.

O God meets us in unexpected places, transforming them into holy ground.

Conclusion and Alter Call:

1. Invite those feeling trapped to metaphorically "take off their shoes" and acknowledge that they are on holy ground.
2. Encourage individuals to respond to God's call out of their cages.
3. Emphasize the importance of salvation as the first step toward freedom.

Key Takeaway:

- God is ready to meet you in your current situation; don't despise where you are. Embrace the Spirit's leading to break free from your cages and embark on the adventure of a Spirit-led life.