

# ESTABLISHED IN FREEDOM

What does real freedom look like? Not just the freedom to do what we want, but the freedom to live the life we were made for. In Established in Freedom, we'll explore Galatians 5 and discover that true freedom isn't found in chasing our desires or following the rules—it's found in walking by the Spirit.

This series will unpack how Christ has set us free from the weight of sin and striving, and how the Spirit shapes us to bear fruit that reflects a transformed life.

Each week, we'll lean into what it means to be rooted in grace, to break free from the things that hold us back, and to stand firm in the freedom Jesus won for us. Because freedom isn't a feeling—it's a foundation. And it's time to get established.

As you reflect and pray through each day, may your heart be anchored in the beautiful reality that your sufficiency comes not from within—but from the One who is always more than enough.

# DAY 1

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

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### **Reading: Galatians 5:1-15**

True freedom is not about doing whatever we want, but about being empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God. Paul reminds us that we have been set free from the bondage of sin and the law, but this freedom is not a license for self-indulgence.

Instead, it's an opportunity to serve one another in love. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be misusing your freedom. How can you use your freedom to better love and serve others today?

# DAY 2 SPIRIT VS. FLESH

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## **Reading: Galatians 5:16-26**

Our lives produce fruit - either the fruit of the Spirit or the works of the flesh. Just as a healthy tree naturally bears good fruit, a life surrendered to the Holy Spirit will manifest love, joy, peace, and other godly characteristics.

Consider the fruit your life is producing. Are there areas where the works of the flesh are more evident than the fruit of the Spirit? Ask God to help you "keep in step with the Spirit" so that your life may bear the fruit He desires.

# DAY 3

## TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PRUNING

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### **Reading: John 15:1-8**

Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate our relationship with Him. The Father, as the gardener, prunes the branches to make them more fruitful.

This pruning process, while sometimes painful, is necessary for our spiritual growth. Reflect on times in your life when God has "pruned" you. How did those experiences shape your character and deepen your faith? Ask God to show you areas in your life that may need pruning now.

# DAY 4 THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

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## **Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25**

The sermon emphasized the importance of surrounding ourselves with people who can lovingly correct and encourage us. We weren't meant to walk our faith journey alone.

How are you currently connected to a community of believers? If you're not, what steps can you take to become more involved? If you are, how can you be more intentional about spurring others on toward love and good deeds?

# DAY 5

## SURRENDERING TO GOD'S WILL

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### **Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

True freedom in Christ involves surrendering our will to God's. It's about allowing Him to transform us from the inside out, renewing our minds so that we can discern His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

This transformation often requires us to let go of our own plans and desires. What areas of your life are you still holding onto tightly? Take some time to offer these to God, asking Him to align your will with His.