

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

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Just as God called to young Samuel, He continues to speak to us today. Sometimes His voice comes in unexpected ways or at surprising times.

Remember how Pastor Scott heard God's call while in college, and later received a clear vision for starting a radio station. God's voice isn't always audible, but it's always personal. Today, take time to quiet your heart and listen. Ask God to speak to you about His purpose for your life. Be open to hearing Him in Scripture, through circumstances, or even in the still, small voice within your spirit. Don't dismiss even the smallest promptings - God often starts with a whisper before revealing His larger plans.

DAY 2 FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-15

"For freedom Christ has set us free." These powerful words remind us that true liberty comes through surrendering to Jesus. The pastor's testimony of being freed from drug addiction illustrates how Christ breaks the chains of sin that once bound us.

But this freedom isn't just about escaping negative behaviors - it's about being empowered to love and serve God and others. Reflect on areas where you still feel bound by sin, fear, or worldly expectations. Bring these to Christ and ask Him to set you free. Then consider how you can use your freedom to show love to those around you today.

DAY 3

GOD'S PRE-ORDAINED PURPOSE

Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

Long before we were born, God had plans for our lives. He doesn't just save us - He creates us with a specific purpose in mind. Think about how God orchestrated events to place the pastor in the exact town where a radio frequency was available.

Our Father is always working behind the scenes, preparing the way for us to fulfill our calling. Today, look back on your life. Can you see God's hand guiding you? Even if you don't yet understand your full purpose, trust that God is weaving together the tapestry of your life. Ask Him to reveal the next step in His plan for you.

DAY 4 STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Reading: Matthew 14:22-23

When Peter stepped out of the boat to walk on water, he took a radical step of faith. Similarly, Pastor Scott and his wife left everything familiar to follow God's call to Nebraska.

Following Jesus often requires us to leave our comfort zones and trust Him completely. What is God asking you to step out in faith towards today? It might be forgiving someone, sharing your faith, or pursuing a new ministry opportunity. Remember, just like Jesus was there to catch Peter, He will be with you every step of the way. Take that first step, keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus.

DAY 5 TRANSFORMATION INTO CHRIST'S IMAGE

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Our ultimate goal as believers is to become more like Jesus every day. This transformation isn't something we can accomplish on our own - it's the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Reflect on the lyrics from the song mentioned in the sermon: "Holy Spirit, make me more like Jesus, every day a little more like Jesus." This should be our daily prayer. Today, invite the Holy Spirit to continue His transforming work in your life. Ask Him to reveal areas where you need to grow in Christlikeness. Surrender those areas to Him, trusting that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.