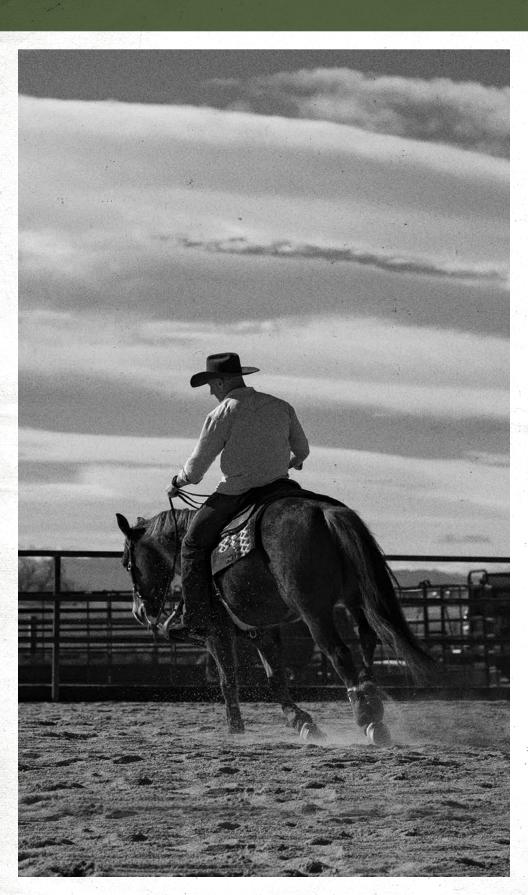


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FLATIRONS

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hey Flatirons,

It is for freedom that christ set you free. Let that sink in. Jesus didn't come to make you a religious rule follower. He came to set you free.

Everyone has a story, a journey. I don't know what kind of mess you've been through. I don't know what's been done to you or what you've done. But I know this: God's not done with you. Not even close.

Christ has set you free, and your freedom story is what God wants to use to bring freedom to others.

This guide isn't about getting your act together or checking spiritual boxes. It's about remembering what's true. About God. About you. About the kind of life you were made for. A life of purpose. Peace. Courage. A life marked by freedom.

Flatirons is a place where the lost, the tired, the addicted, the angry, and the ashamed find healing, hope, and a second chance. So let's link arms and move toward that kind of life. Not to prove anything. But because you were made to be free. And when free people live like it, everything starts to change.

Jim Burgen

Lead Pastor, Flatirons Church

OUR HISTORY

FLATIRONS WAS NEVER BUILT ON PERFECT PEOPLE OR POLISHED PLANS. IT'S BEEN ONE MESSY, POWERFUL STEP AFTER ANOTHER—BOLD RISKS, RELENTLESS PRAYER, AND A CREW OF PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO QUIT ON WHAT GOD COULD DO HERE. THIS CHURCH STARTED WITH A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED:

- JESUS ISN'T DONE WITH COLORADO -

THEY GAVE. THEY SERVED. THEY STAYED. LONG BEFORE THE CROWDS. LONG BEFORE THE CAMPUSES. THAT'S THE LEGACY WE CARRY FORWARD NOW.

EARLY DAYS

FEBRUARY 1983

Trinity Bible Evangelical Free Church was planted out of Calvary Bible Church (Boulder) and Calvary Evangelical Free (Broomfield). The first worship service was held at Centaurus High School.

■ MARCH 1997

Our name changed. Flatirons Community Church was born.

→ 1997-2002

From high schools to carpet stores to feed stores. No building was too weird if it helped people bump into Jesus.

GROWTH, GRIT, AND NEW GROUND

FEBRUARY 2006

Jim Burgen stepped in as Lead Pastor. A new chapter. Same mission.

2007-2010

We went outward. Global missions. Backpack drives. Bold giving. Over \$10M raised through the Brix Campaign.

2010-2011

We bought the old Walmart and Albertsons in Lafayette (yeah, "Walbertsons"). First Easter in the new space? 14,000 people showed up.

2011-2015

Partnerships launched: Urban Mosaic, Musana, Life in Abundance, Ashrei. Campuses opened in Genesee and Downtown Denver.

2017-2019

We added three more: Aurora, Longmont, and Limon Correctional. Flatirons Academy launched. Christmas offerings surged—\$600K to \$2M+ every year. New partnerships: Convoy of Hope, Globalscope, God Behind Bars.

2021-2023

Aurora moved into its current home. Flatirons College launched. Giving reached record highs for NextGen and church planting.

BE FREE BEGINS

→ 2025 AND BEYOND

The story of freedom didn't start with you. But it continues through you.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

WE ARE PLANTING "FREEDOM OUTPOSTS"

> Not buildings and not empires.

These are rescue stations. Places where people encounter the real Jesus and walk free—spiritually, relationally, personally.

This is war against addiction, isolation, identity confusion, broken marriages, and financial chains. We're raising up leaders, launching churches, and pushing back darkness until every captive has the chance to be free.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

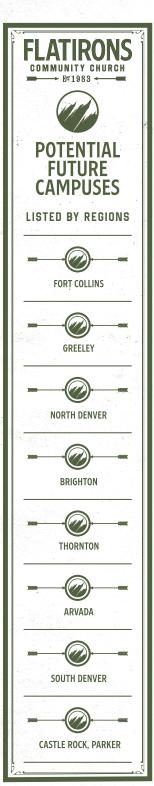
FREEDOM ISN'T OPTIONAL IT'S THE MISSION

Galatians 5:1 says it plain: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

Far too many people are stuck. Trapped by sin, shame, and lies they didn't even choose. Jesus came to set captives free (Luke 4:18-19). That mission didn't end with Him, it continues through us.

People need more than sermons. They need spiritual battle plans.

> Real healing. Real purpose. Real freedom.





WE ARE DECLARING WAR ON THE THINGS THAT ENSLAVE PEOPLE

FLATIRONS

TYPICAL SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH

IT IS A MISSION BASE

- WE DON'T SIMPLY GATHER - WE TRAIN, EQUIP, & SEND

WE DON'T JUST BUILD CHURCHES WE BREAK CHAINS

- WE DON'T JUST TEACH -

WEFIGHT

- FOR THE OPPRESSED -

WHY NOW?

Because the clock is ticking.

There are more slaves today than any time in history—through trafficking, addiction, debt, and despair. Culture is wrongly redefining everything—identity, marriage, truth—and the next generation is starving for something real.

THE FRONT RANGE ISN'T POST-CHRISTIAN. IT'S PRE-CHRISTIAN.

MOST HAVE NEVER TRULY MET JESUS.

If we don't move now, someone else will define freedom. And it won't be Jesus.

WHAT WILL BE TRUE ONCE WE'VE DONE IT?

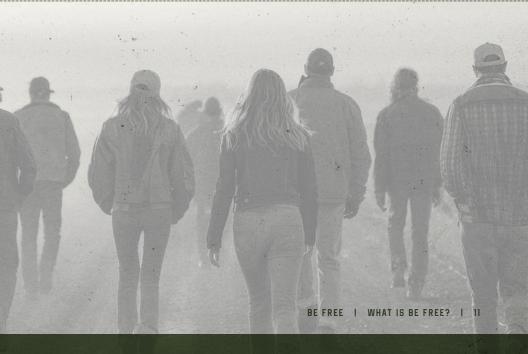
Every person on the Front Range will live within 20 minutes of a freedom outpost.

Addicts, skeptics, and the broken will walk free, with a mission in their chest.

Every campus will launch new leaders, new churches, and new Kingdom ground.

Flatirons won't be known for buildings — but for bold, gritty, grace-filled people who break chains and rebuild families.

HELL WILL LOSE GROUND. AND HEAVEN WILL GAIN IT.



WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

A SHIFT IN MINDSET

This isn't about bigger churches but stronger outposts where people experience transformation.

RADICAL **GENEROSITY**

Not just financial, but people willing to move, lead, and sacrifice comfort for the sake of the mission.

LEADERS WHO ARE PIONEERS. NOT SETTLERS

Every campus, every leader, must have a vision to send and expand, not just stay.

A RELENTLESS COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM

This means we must prioritize spiritual formation, rescue and healing, discipleship, and mission.

A DEEP TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION

This vision is bigger than us. But if God calls us to it, He will provide for it.

THIS IS NOT ABOUT KEEPING THE CHURCH ALIVE

It's about setting people free. And freedom is always worth fighting for.

THE BOTTOM LINE

WE DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT JESUS VE GO WHERE HE WE TO THE LOST, THE BROKEN, & THE CAPTIVE

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

AND WE WILL NOT STOP

UNTIL EVERY CAPTIVE HEARS THE CALL TO BE FREE



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A MARRIAGE THAT SHOULD'VE ENDED - BUT DIDN'T

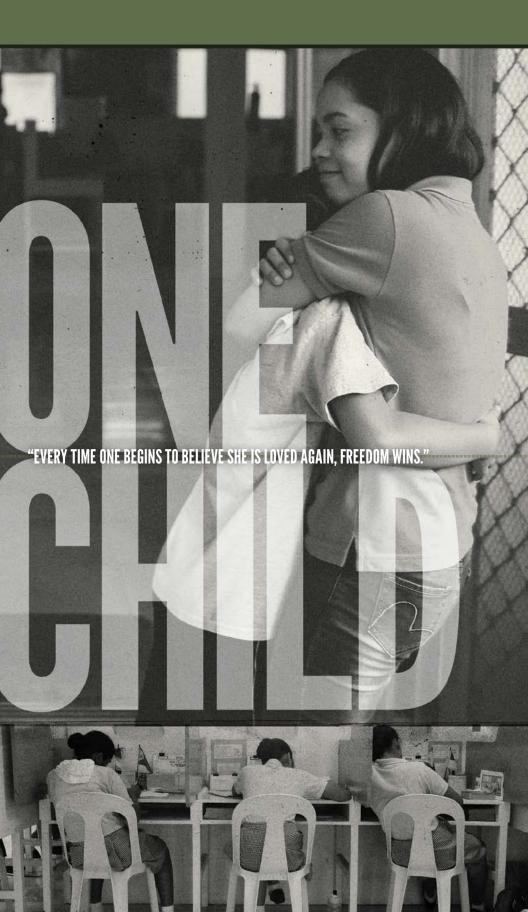
In 2023, Kit and Jourdan hit a wall. Years of brutal arguments. Therapy that went nowhere. Infidelity exposed. Their marriage was collapsing—and Kit was barely holding on. He was seconds away from ending his life when God showed up with a better plan.

It started with a simple hello from a Flatirons greeter. Despite deep church hurt, Kit and Jourdan walked into a Sunday service—and everything shifted. "We felt like we were being hugged and welcomed home again," Kit said. "I sensed God saying, 'I never left you…I'm proud of you."

They joined Re|engage. But before they could save their marriage, they had to rebuild their lives on God. Week by week, the walls came down. Control gave way to surrender. Hurt turned into healing. And a marriage that should've ended became a testimony to the freedom found in Christ.

"Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." —1 Corinthians 13:4-8







FLATIRONS X ONECHILD **GLOBAL MISSIONS**

From Exploited to Free

In Cebu—ground zero for online child trafficking -young girls are being bought, streamed, and sold. Evil has gone viral. But so has hope.

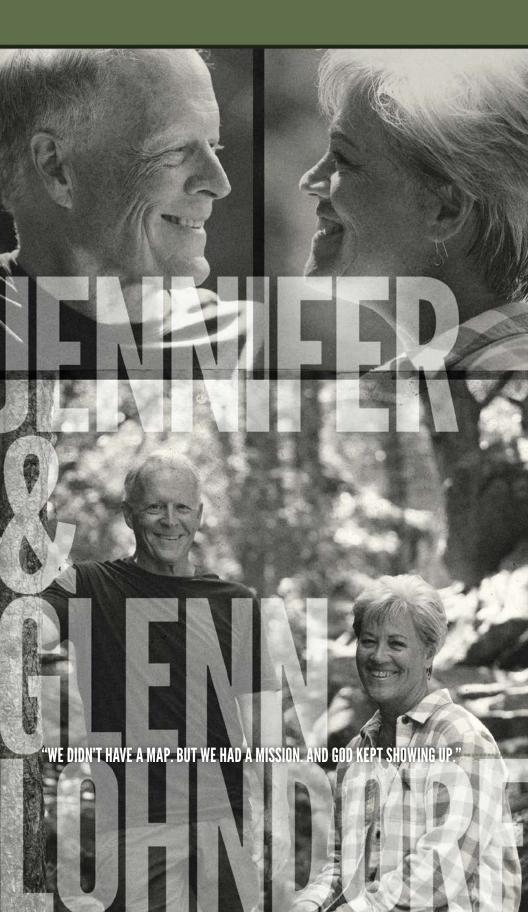
Through our global partner OneChild, girls caught in unimaginable darkness are being rescued—and not just rescued, restored.

Every child pulled from exploitation carries more than physical wounds. Shame. Fear. Silence. But at Happy Horizons Children's Ranch, chains begin to break. These girls are met with safety, care, and something even deeper-a God who sees them. A God who speaks worth over what the world tried to erase.

Healing starts when they believe they are more than what was done to them. When they start to dream again. That's what freedom looks like. And that's what we're fighting for.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. - Psalm 147:3

CLICK HERE TO WATCH HOW ONECHILD < TURNS RESCUE INTO RESTORATION AND HELPS GIRLS WALK IN TRUE FREEDOM





FROM TEN PEOPLE TO A **MOVEMENT: JENNIFER & GLENN'S** FLATIRONS STORY

Over three decades ago, Flatirons was just a handful of people meeting in homes — ten chairs, one Bible, and big faith. Jennifer and Glenn were there when it was all duct tape and setup teams. When Sunday meant hauling gear into Boulder High, the YMCA, or even a planetarium. They saw the spark before the explosion.

The church wasn't built on polish. It was built on purpose. Through a leadership scandal, name changes, and a merger, they stayed. When pastors failed, elders stepped in. When trust was fragile, God held things together. When Jim came in 2006, it marked a turning point. Then in 2019, Jim came back from sabbatical with a new fire, Not just for leadership, but for legacy.

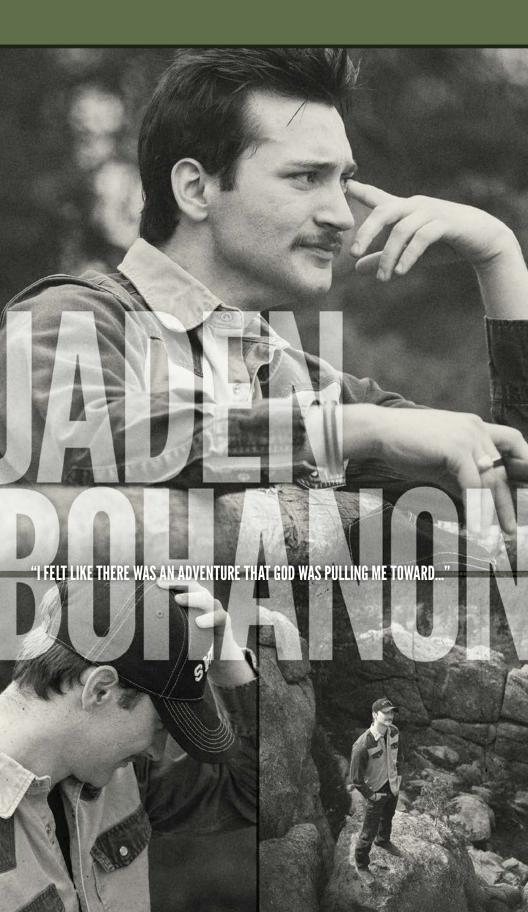
Today, thousands gather. But the heartbeat hasn't changed: bold worship, honest truth, open doors. From the start, it's been about people meeting the real Jesus. And for Jennifer and Glenn, it still is.

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

- Psalm 127:1

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THEIR STORY

SEE HOW GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE TO BUILD A CHURCH THAT FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM





FROM CHAINS TO CALLING

Jaden grew up with faith, family, and a fire for God. As a kid, he was full of joy and purpose—homeschooled, hopeful, and dreaming about being a youth pastor. But then high school hit. New friends. New habits. And a slow drift away from everything that once grounded him.

It started with vaping. Then weed. Then spirals of isolation and anxiety, especially when COVID shut everything down. "I felt so alone," he said. "That was the first time I experienced anxiety and depression." He was drowning in noise, but still remembered the voice of God calling him higher.

So he opened his Bible. Reached out. And listened. When his youth leader encouraged him to go all in and enroll at Flatirons College to study youth ministry, something clicked. Chains broke. Clarity returned. And Jaden stepped into who God had called him to be all along.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine."

— Isaiah 43:1





THE WORLD CALLS IT

'FREEDOM'

SO WHY DO YOU FEEL TRAPPED?

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TELLING YOUR STORY

"Our own life is the thing that most influences and shapes our outlook, our tendencies, our choices, and our decisions... It's time to listen to our own story."

—Dan B. Allender

WHY YOUR STORY MATTERS

Your story isn't just a personal journey. It's proof. Proof that Jesus still rescues. Still redeems. Still calls people into freedom.

When you tell your story, you're not bragging on yourself. You're bragging on God. You're declaring that the gospel works—and giving someone else a reason to believe.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe."

-Psalm 107:2

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: TIPS FOR SHARING KEEP IT TIGHT +

Aim for 3-5 minutes if you're sharing live.

MAKE JESUS THE HERO Not your hustle, not your willpower.

GROUND IT IN TRUTH Use a verse that shaped you. STEP 01

TIMELINE

Draw a visual timeline of your life. Plot both life-giving and life-draining moments. Reflect honestly on where you've seen God move or felt His absence.

STEP 02

CONTEXT

For the peaks and valleys of your personal timeline, capture a few sentences about how it felt, what changed, and what it meant to you.

STEP 03

SIGNIFICANCE

What patterns, beliefs, or lies had formed? Where was God, even if I didn't see Him?

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..."

—Romans 8:28 (NIV)

STEP 04

REDEMPTION

Where did Jesus meet you?

What moment made the gospel real?

What has changed in your heart and life since?

STEP 05

BLESSING

What would you tell someone going through what you went through? What truth about God do they need to hear?

"They triumphed... by the word of their testimony."

—Revelation 12:11 (NIV)

STEP 06

SHARE IT

Shape it into three parts:

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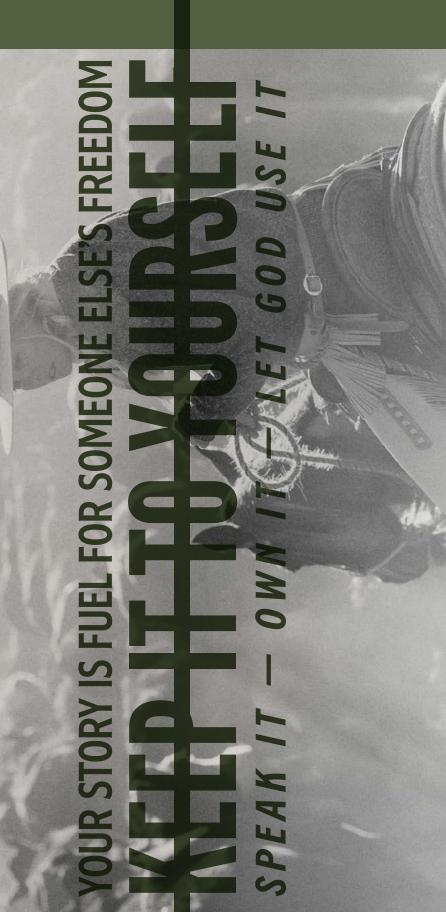
(02) — Meeting Christ

(03) — Life with Christ

-YOUR STORY IS A GIFT-

REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE & BOLDLY SHARE WHAT HE CAN DO IN OTHERS

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord... and meditate on all Your mighty deeds." ----Psalm 77:11-12



WELCOME

NOT STUCK IN CYCLES YOU CAN'T SEEM TO BREAK

FOR FREEDOM

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

STAND FIRM THEREFORE

AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN

TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY

GALATIANS 5:1

THAT'S THE HEARTBEAT OF THIS SEASON

THIS GUIDE ISN'T JUST SOMETHING TO READ

TIT'S A WEAPON TO FIGHT WITH

BECAUSE

BEFORE GOD DOES SOMETHING THROUGH YOU HE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING IN YOU

LET'S BE FREE

PAULS LETTER TO THE CHURCH INCALATIA.

OUR GUIDEPOST FOR THE VISION OF "BE FREE"

THE BOOK OF CALATIANS.

PRESENTED IN IT'S ENTIRETY FOR YOUR STUDY

CHAPTER 1

¹ Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— 2 and all the brothers who are with me.

To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by

me is not man's gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. 14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, 16 was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone; ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. ²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. ²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.

23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they glorified God because of me.

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CHAPTER 2

¹ Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. 3 But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴ Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in-who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus. so that they might bring us into slavery-5 to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. 6 And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. 7 On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised 8 (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), 9 and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he

stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

HAVEBEEN CRUCIFIED WITHCHRIST IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVESINME

CHAPTER 3

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴ Did you suffer so many things in vain if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰ For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"- 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might

come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.

FORIN CHRIST JESUS YOUARE ALL SONS OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH

²⁴ So then, the law was our guardianuntil Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

CHAPTER 4

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. 4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can

you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. 13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, 14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. 15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? 17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. 18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, 19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! 20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman

SOYOUARE NO LONGER BUTASON. AND IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR THROUGH GOD was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written.

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, vou who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

CHAPTER 5

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

⁷ You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸ This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11 But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunk-

FOR FREEDOM **CHRIST HAS** SET US FREE; STAND FIRM THEREFORE, AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY

enness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. 5 For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from

the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. 14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. 16 And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

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OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO SOMETHING

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E SPACE FOR GO

A PLACE TO TAKE NOTES DURING THE WEEKEND MESSAGE

A SHORT DEVOTIONAL

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

EXTRA TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO GO DEEPER

WE'RE INVITING YOU TO SET A DAILY REMINDER ◀ AT 5:01 AM or 5:01 PM (or both). ◀

When it goes off, stop what you're doing. Read Galatians 5:1. Pray the Freedom Prayer. Why? Because freedom doesn't happen by accident. It takes intention. This rhythm is a reset—an anchor to remind you what's true: Jesus sets people free. Full stop. The prayer changes each week. The goal doesn't: Walk in the freedom He already won for you.

THIS JOURNEY ISN'T ABOUT MORE INFORMATION. IT'S ABOUT TRANSFORMATION.

To hear the message—and actually live it. To name the junk that's been weighing you down. To fight for the kind of freedom Jesus already gave you. Don't go it alone. Bring a friend. Loop in your group. Get your family in. Let's fight for freedom together—and watch what God does.

IT IS FOR FREEDOM CHRIST SET US FREE



LET GO OF THE GRIND

Modern culture preaches a simple gospel: **Grind harder, climb higher, prove yourself.** Do that, and maybe—just maybe—you'll matter. Before long, your identity becomes "the one who gets it done." But under that hustle is a quiet fear:

If I stop producing, will I still be seen? If I slow down, will I still matter?

Work can give you a quick hit of being needed, respected, valued. But when the laptop closes and the lights go out, the disconnection creeps in. And if you keep looking for validation in all the wrong places—at work, in achievements, from people who can't deliver—you'll start to lose what matters most. Relationships. Joy. Purpose. Keep choosing work over home long enough, and eventually you'll be left asking: Who am I now?

Jesus came to set you free from the lies that keep you on that treadmill—lies that say you have to earn love, that your worth depends on output, that your identity is your performance. That's not freedom. That's bondage in disguise.

Grace doesn't play by performance review rules. It's not passive; it's power. It's the victory of Jesus on your behalf when you have nothing to offer. It's His love when you can't earn a thing. Freedom means living from grace, not for it.

If you feel more seen at work than at home... if proving your-self is wearing you out... if you're tired of running on fumes—hear this: You don't have to live like that anymore. Don't keep repeating the same cycles. Protect what God's given you. Walk with people who are chasing freedom too.

The fact that you're stepping into this Be Free journey—carving out space for Jesus—might be the start of something brand new. A life where you can trade hustle for rest. Stop chasing love and start living from it.

REFLECT

Where in your life are you still trying to earn love, approval, or worth?

What fear is driving your hustle?

When do you feel most like you have to "perform" for God or others?

What would it look like to live from grace, not for it, this week?

5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Let *Galatians 5:1* be more than a verse I memorize—make it a truth I live. You've already broken the chains. Now help me walk out of the prison and leave behind the bondage of ______.

I reject the lie that I have to prove myself or fight this war alone. Equip me. Train me. Surround me with others who fight for freedom. Jesus, do something IN me before You do something THROUGH me.

May this be the start of a journey toward more of You and less of me.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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WRITE YOUR FREEDOM LETTER

- REPLACE THE LIE

Ever feel like following Jesus is just a long list of things you're not allowed to do?

We talk about freedom, but sometimes it feels more like **behavior management**. Show up. Check the boxes. Try hard not to mess up.

Paul knew that tension. The same guy who wrote, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1) also admitted, "I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate." (Romans 7:15).

Relatable? Absolutely. But here's the key—Paul wasn't throwing in the towel. He was being real. Underneath his failure was a changed heart: I want something better now.

Maybe that's your story, too. You still stumble, but your desires aren't the same. You don't crave the old quick fixes—you want something real. That shift is proof Jesus is at work in you.

Following Him will always be a daily surrender. Some days you get it right. Some days you don't. But God isn't standing there with a clipboard waiting for perfection. He's walking with you, pulling you close, saying, You're mine.

When that truth sinks in, everything changes. You stop trying to earn freedom. You start living in the freedom Jesus already won.

So next time you feel like you'll never get it right, pray: Jesus, thank You for changing my desires—and for grace while my actions catch up. And if you're tempted to quit, hear Paul's challenge:

"You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom." (Galatians 5:7–8)

REFLECT

Where do you feel the pull between what you used to want and what Jesus is leading you to desire?

Do you believe God is changing you, even if it's slow?

Where do you still feel "not good enough"?

5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

I'm done pretending. Sometimes following You feels like a fight I'm losing—like I want to do right but keep doing what I hate. But You're not keeping score. You're changing my heart. I don't want my old life anymore.

Thank You for grace that covers me while I grow. Thank You for freedom that isn't about rules but transformation. I surrender again today.

Keep pulling me closer. Keep speaking truth. Keep shaping my heart so what I want lines up with what You want. And when I mess up, remind me: I'm not who I used to be. I belong to You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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UNPACK THIS MESSAGE FURTHER

o THE COST OF FREEDOM o

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
—Galatians 5:13–15

When someone wounds you or takes something from you, the gut-level response is revenge. Make them pay. Get justice. Prove they can't walk over you. It feels right in the moment, but Jesus calls us to something far more radical—and far more freeing.

Revenge feels like control. But it's a trap.

When we hold on to bitterness, we think we're locking our offender in a prison, but we're actually locking ourselves inside. That's bondage. And the key that opens the door? Love.

Not the easy, "love people who are nice to me" kind. The sacrificial, self-denying, cross-carrying kind. The love Jesus showed on the cross—the kind that forgives before it's asked for. That's the kind of love that breaks chains.

When you choose to love radically, you set two people free—them, and you. Jesus put it this way: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) Following Him means letting go of your right to revenge so you can grab hold of the freedom only He gives.

So look around your life—

Whoneeds to see that kind of love from you?

And what might happen if you gave it?

- REFLECT -
Who has God placed around you to love?
What would it look like to love in a radical, Jesus-like way?
What's one selfish area you need to surrender?
Where have you seen God's love, grace, and power set you free?
− 5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER ← − − −
Heavenly Father,
You've freed me to love. I choose purpose over comfort. Today I surrender to You.
I release the bondage that's been holding me hostage and keeping

In Jesus' name, amen.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF; PUSH FORWARD

me from loving well. Help me forgive ______ the way You've forgiven me—fully and freely—so I can walk in freedom.

WALK IT OUT

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 (NIV)

When life feels out of control, it's easy to let fear fuel anxious thoughts and cause "what if" scenarios to replay in our minds. In those moments, we have two options: fight the battle in fear, or fight it in faith. By intentionally choosing faith, we can pursue the peace, comfort, and refuge that Jesus offers.

How do we do this? By talking with God daily in prayer, reading His Word every day, and staying connected in community—through Bible studies, small groups, or gatherings—where we can find encouragement, accountability, and love from others.

And through it all, trust that God has good plans for you—plans to prosper you and give you hope and a future (*Jeremiah 29:11*). The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He promises never to leave or

forsake you. Do not be afraid, and do not be discouraged. Keep walking with the Spirit, knowing the finish line to freedom is near.

How amazing it is that we serve a God who desires to be with us and walk alongside us always! He isn't ashamed of us; He calls us chosen, loved, adopted, forgiven, redeemed, child, and friend. He is faithful to accompany us through fearful times and lead us into the presence of freedom as we steadily pursue Him. Choosing to walk with Jesus daily transforms us over time—it changes how we respond, react, and love one another.

When God leads us out of bondage and into Jesus' arms, we experience the true freedom that can only be found in Him. And often, He uses this time to strengthen and prepare us for the calling He has placed on our lives: to share the good news of Jesus and offer hope and freedom to others.

REFLECT

Who's shaping your mindset right now—the Lord or the enemy? (The enemy speaks fear, shame, guilt, condemnation, isolation. The Lord speaks compassion, kindness, encouragement, love, and grace.)

How can you get back on track walking with Jesus this week?

What do you need to rearrange in your life to make time to walk and talk to Him daily?

5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for never leaving me. For leading me, shaping me, and strengthening me. I want my life to reflect Your love. I lay down the things pulling me away from You. Change what needs to change. Make me new from the inside out.

Silence the lies that hold me back. Remind me of Your plans for me—plans full of hope and purpose. Jesus, I speak Your name over every struggle and stronghold. You've already broken the chains. Today I choose to walk in that freedom.

Holy Spirit, fill me. Guide me. Grow me. I am Yours. I trust You.

In Jesus' name, amen.



- SHARED FREEDOM -

"Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (CSB)

We've all heard the phrase, "Find your people." It often comes up during tough times when life feels too heavy to carry alone. While the world encourages self-reliance, the truth is this: We're not meant to do it on our own.

God has good intentions for us, and He knows exactly who we need to surround ourselves with so we can grow in faith. In Galatians 6:10, Paul urges us to fight for each other's freedom in Jesus and help carry the burdens of others: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith." When we do this, we'll find that our circle will also help us, and we will always have God fighting for us to live the life He has carefully planned. Finding people who will walk with you in your journey with Jesus isn't always quick or easy, but it will change your life. A strong community will reveal just how good Jesus is and how deeply He loves you. They will help you discover your purpose in God's plan.

So here's the challenge: Find your people and fight for them. Maybe it's a family member, a friend, or even an old acquaintance. Whoever God puts on your heart—text them, pray with them, invite them in, and simply be present. Fight for each other's freedom the way Jesus fights for you every day. Challenges will always come, but growing your relationship with God and His people will help you keep your peace and freedom. And when you feel alone or weighed down by life, remember—Jesus never intended for you to walk through anything by yourself.

REFLECT

Have you found your people? Who are they? How can you encourage them this week?

If not, what step can you take today to find them?

Whose burden can you help carry this week—through prayer, encouragement, or practical help?

5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for walking with me and giving me the kind of freedom only You can give. I want my life to reflect Your love in the way I love others.

Lead me to the people who will walk with me and help me fight for freedom. And make me that person for someone else.

Today, I release anything pulling me away from You or isolating me from others. Silence the lies. Change what needs to change. Make me whole. Make me free.

In Jesus' name, amen.

DIVE DEEPER INTO GUIDED CONTENT

- LIVE FREE. LEAD FREE. -

"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen." - Galatians 6:14–18 (ESV)

Do you ever wonder what you're supposed to do with the new life Jesus gave you? The moment you said yes to Him, everything changed. But now what?

The truth is, your freedom isn't just for you—it's meant to help set others free. Many of us spend years stuck in a cycle of trying to please people or prove our worth. But Jesus didn't save you so you could keep living that way. He saved you to become something new—a life that reflects Him, a life that carries light into dark places.

At Flatirons, we believe the most loving thing we can do is go to people and invite them to see who Jesus really is. Your job may change. Your season may shift. But your purpose? That stays the same.

So wherever God has you right now, start there. Live free. Speak boldly. Carry light. You were set free for a reason.

REFLECT

Where are you still "living in the old"—stuck in patterns or choices that keep you from freedom?

What's stopping you from fully embracing the new? What tangible steps can you take this week?

Over these last six weeks, what's one thing God has shown you about your freedom in Christ?

5:01 FREEDOM PRAYER

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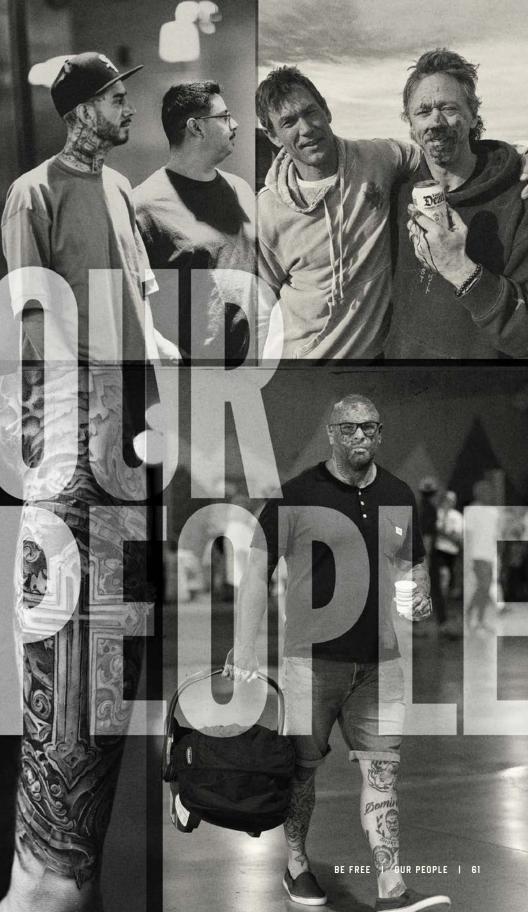
Thank You for the freedom You won for me on the Cross—and for every chain You've broken in my life.

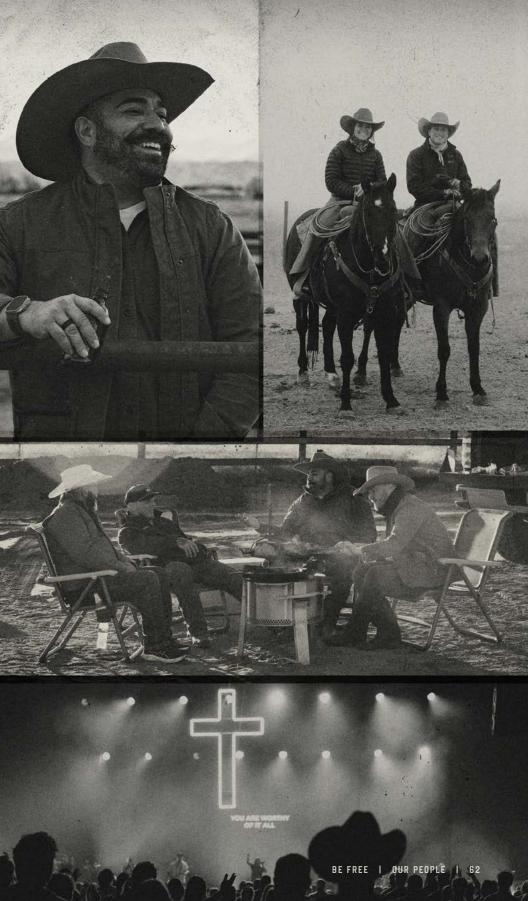
I'm done living in the past. Let Your Spirit guide me deeper into the life You've called me to. Strengthen me.

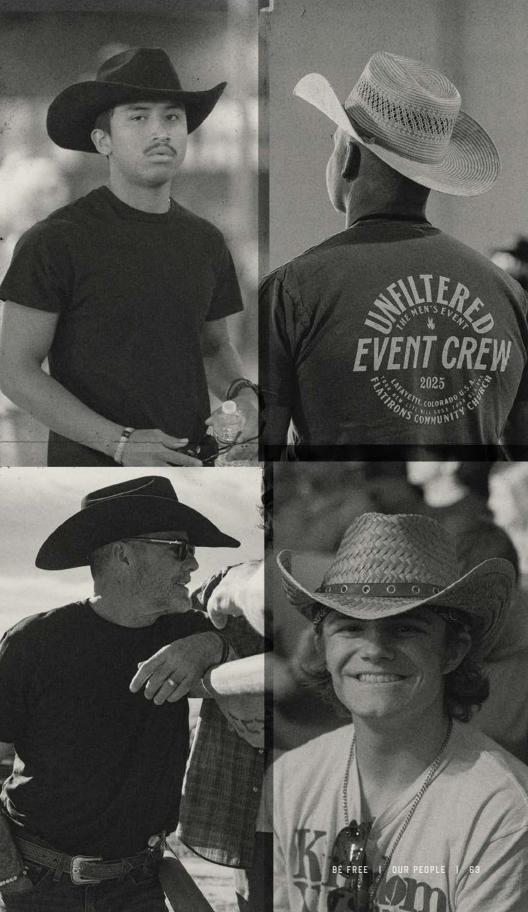
Give me courage to share my story with whoever You put in my path. Give me confidence to declare Your love in my life. Show me my purpose, and lead me to someone who needs Your freedom today, too.

In Jesus' name, amen.

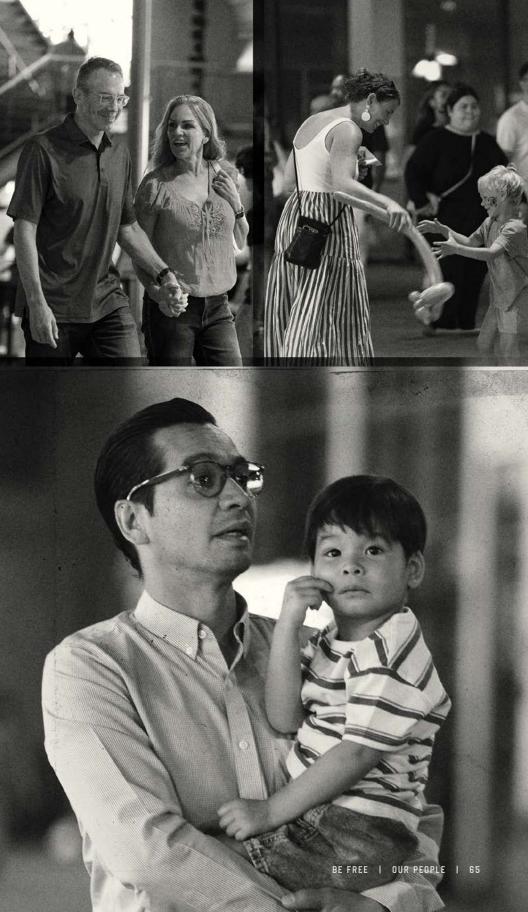
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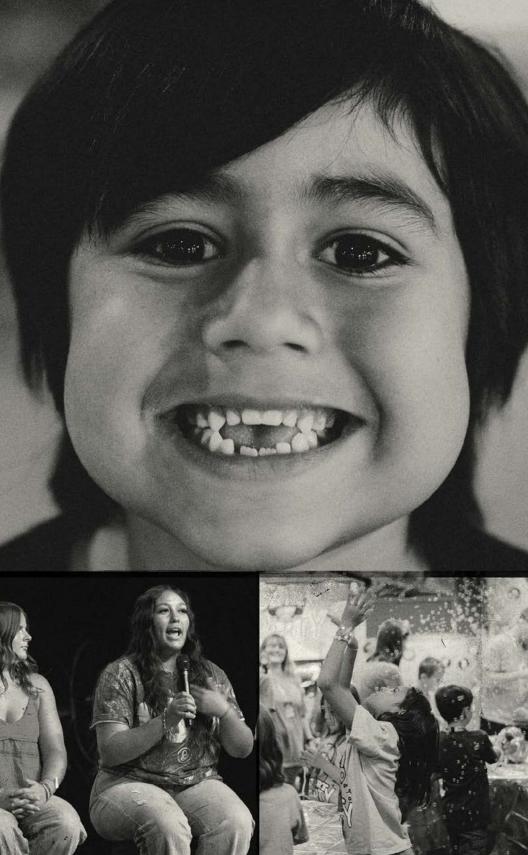






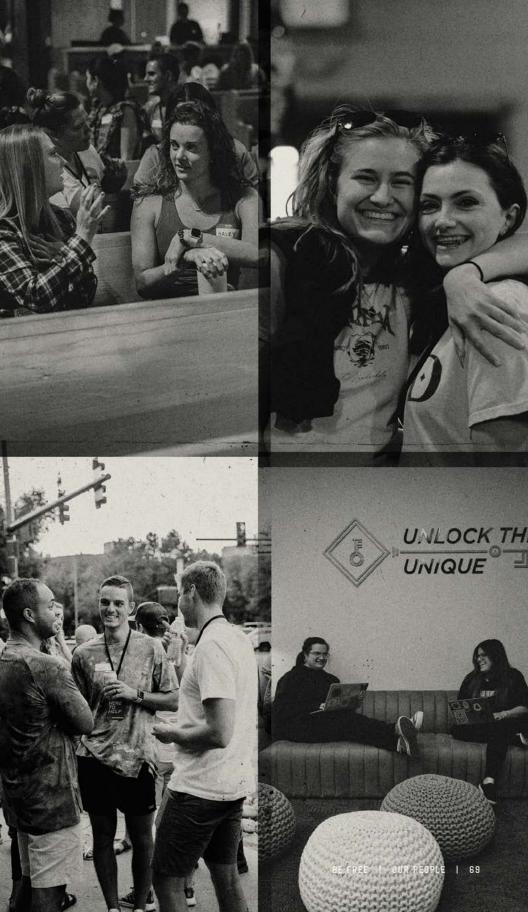


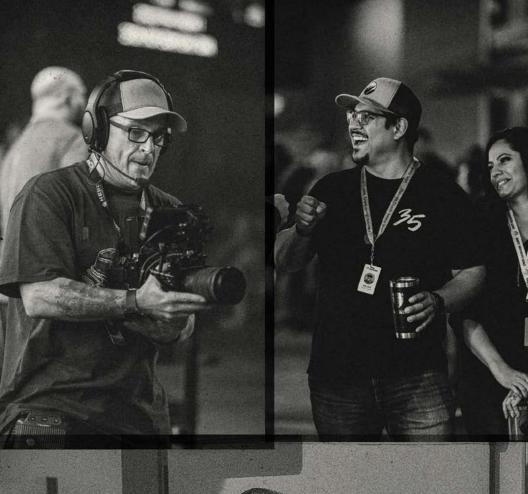




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NEXT STEPS

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO THROUGH BE FREE

PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

Be Free is a call to grow spiritually. It's about being awakened to God's heart for generosity, perspective, significance, position, and action. It's about stepping out in faith and watching courage and conviction grow as we follow God's lead.

SECONDARY GOAL: SIOOM DOLLARS RAISED FOR THE BE FREE INITIATIVE

We believe this mission is worth everything. Flatirons Community Church, as a unified front, is boldly declaring war on all the things that enslave people.

Because it is for freedom, Christ has set us free!

THROUGH THE BE FREE INITIATIVE—WE WILL:

GATHER TO GROW We believe Jesus' plan to set the world free is accomplished through the local church. We will gather to grow. Everyone who calls the Front Range home should have access to a Flatirons campus where they can grow together in their walk with Jesus. We are committed to ongoing church planting and strategically launching new Flatirons campuses that operate as outposts of freedom up and down the Front Range.

DEVELOP TO DEPLOY This freedom mission needs fully equipped disciples. We will develop leaders who will be deployed to bring freedom to new people, places, and territories. We are committed to increasing opportunities for development and ministry training by strengthening Flatirons Kids, Flatirons Academy, Flatirons College and launching Flatirons Ministry Institute.

RESCUE TO RESTURE We believe Jesus wants all people to experience freedom. We will rescue and restore victims of human trafficking. Through support, partnerships, and advocacy of antitrafficking work locally and globally, we will focus on prevention, education, rescue, legal advocacy, and restoration.

GENEROSITY JOURNEY

THIS IS DESIGNED TO TRANSFORM MONEY FROM AN IDOL INTO A TOOL FOR GOD'S KINGDOM.

THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY FOCUSES ON THE CONDITION OF OUR HEARTS, FURTHER TRANSFORMING US INTO THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST. EACH STEP REPRESENTS GROWTH IN A LIFESTYLE OF GENEROSITY & SACRIFICE.

INITIAL GIVER

Gives for the first time because God's Word hit home. This step takes guts — trusting that God will use your gift to change lives (Matthew 7:24).

CONSISTENT GIVER

Decides giving isn't random anymore. They make it a regular habit as a disciple of Jesus. Many set up a recurring gift online and feel the joy of consistency. If you give another way, you can still be consistent, it just takes more grit (2 Corinthians 8:7).

INTENTIONAL GIVER -

Lines up their giving with the rest of their financial life. They bring the first 10% to the local church, no matter what's happening (Malachi 3:10). They see the results of making a choice and sticking to it even when it costs something.

SURRENDERED GIVER

Lets generosity reshape them. They stop asking "How much?" and start asking, "Is all of it His?" They use money, time, and talent for God's mission (Ephesians 5:1-2).

ETERNAL GIVER =

Sees the eternal impact of their giving on themselves and on others, not just the immediate programs and ministries they help accomplish. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to "do good, to be generous and ready to share," the more they "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19).



BE FREE COMMITMENT CARD

\$100M BE FREE OVER TWO YEARS

\$70M REGULAR TWO-YEAR GIVING + \$30M VISION TWO-YEAR GIVING

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DIGITAL COMMITMENT CARD

WHAT'S A ONE FUND INITIATIVE? <</p>

Some churches ask for "above and beyond" gifts toward special projects while maintaining a separate general fund. At Flatirons, we have one mission: mobilize all people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus.

This Be Free discipleship journey will last for two years. In that time, every gift given to Flatirons will resource the Be Free Initiative—campus launches, leadership development, global impact, and rescue work.

COMMITMENT CARD

On the page above we've included an example so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what it will mean for your journey with God over these next two years. Please take time to pray through this, and we'll provide you with a hard copy of this card on:

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