

# FREEWAY

A NOT-SO-PERFECT GUIDE TO FREEDOM

Week 7: Free

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**The greatest proponents of freedom are  
those who have experienced captivity.**

## Isaiah 61:1-7

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the  
brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for  
the prisoners,

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,

<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in  
Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for  
generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and  
vineyards.

<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the  
LORD,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations  
and in their riches you will boast.

<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame  
you will receive a double portion,  
and instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your inheritance.  
And so you will inherit a double portion in  
your land,  
and everlasting joy will be yours.

## Those who have been called into freedom:

- Have a message to proclaim: "Proclaim good news to the poor"
- Have a nine-fold purpose to fulfill:
  1. Bind up the brokenhearted
  2. Proclaim freedom for the captives
  3. Release prisoners from darkness
  4. Proclaim God's favor
  5. Comfort those who mourn
  6. Provide for a "divine exchange"
  7. Rebuild the broken ruins of the past
  8. Renew hope for the future
  9. Embrace a true calling

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***It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.***

**– Galatians 5:1**

## **Next Steps**

Are you feeling stuck in your parenting? Do you want to discover new freedom and joy in your relationship with your kids? Then don't miss the upcoming workshop ***"How We Love Our Kids"*** with authors Milan and Kay Yerkovich here at CTK on March 14 & 15. All the details are on today's program insert, and early bird pricing ends this Sunday at midnight.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Can you remember a moment in your life when you felt truly free? What happened?
- 2) What does the phrase "free in Christ" mean to you? How do you choose to exercise that freedom?
- 3) Which of the nine-fold purposes is the most natural for you to engage in? Which is the most difficult for you? Which one is non-existent and needs to be developed?
- 4) Have you ever returned back to your old way of life? What did you learn on that journey?
- 5) What is one area of your life where Jesus has freed you? How can you celebrate your emancipation?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?