FREE: REDEEMED BY THE SON (Romans 8:1-39)

God is not a restrictor but a liberator! You are never freer than when you are fully devoted to Jesus Christ. Freedom isn't doing whatever you want to do but doing what you were created to do. We were designed to know, serve, and love God supremely - and when we are faithful to that design, we flourish. (Gal5:1)

As A Christian it is Possible to Live...

1) A life without Condemnation. Rom8:1, 3

Truth: God has <u>forgiven me</u> and will <u>never hold</u> my sins against me. Ps103:12-13; John 3:17-18, 8:1-11

2) A life without <u>Domination</u>. vv2, 4-11

Truth: I don't have to be <u>controlled</u> by anyone or anything. John 8:31-32, 36; 2Cor3:17

3) A life without Intimidation. vv12-17

Truth: I don't have to <u>fear</u> anyone or anything.

Ps27:1; Ps46:1-2

4) A life without <u>Desperation</u>. vv18-25

Truth: I can suffer well because my <u>hope</u> is in God. 2Cor4:16-18; Rom15:13

5) A life without Exasperation. Vv26-30

Truth: God will <u>strengthen me</u> and weave my sin and suffering into <u>His best</u> for my life. Isa41:10; 2Cor12:7-10; Gen50:20

6) A life without <u>Separation</u>. vv35-39

Truth: God will meet all my <u>needs</u> and nothing outside of myself can keep me from enjoying <u>intimacy with God</u>. Phil4:19: Ps23:1: Heb13:5-6: 2Tim4:16-17

Growing Notes

- 1) What does it mean that God is not a restrictor but a liberator? How do you think most Americans would define freedom? Do you think most Americans are truly free? Explain. In what areas of your life would you like to have more freedom (i.e. freedom from guilt and shame, fear, hopelessness, bitterness, loneliness, restlessness, etc.)?
- 2) Work through the text verse by verse along with cross references and answer the questions:

Rom8:1, 3. What does it mean to be free from condemnation? What does that look life?

Rom2, 4-11. What are the created (Temporal) things that tend to enslave you? How can you be set free from those enslavements?

<u>Rom8:12-17</u>. What is your greatest fear? As Christians, why should we be free from intimidation?

<u>Rom8:18-25</u>. When have you ever felt hopeless? How do these verses fill you with hope?

<u>Rom8:26-30</u>. What tends to exasperate you: People, Things or Circumstances? Explain. What does it mean to live a life without exasperation (weakness and bitterness)?

- Rom8:31-39. What do you do with times of discontentment and loneliness? Nothing outside of yourself can keep you from enjoying intimacy with God. Explain.
- 3) Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) are growth areas for you? What is God speaking to you from Romans 8?

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- Are you connecting with your Life Group?
- Are you watching the Facebook LIVE Video Sunday evening going over growing notes?
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Everyone is building their identity on something. Our identity is what gives us meaning (What are you living for?) and worth (How well are you doing?). Identity apart from God is inherently unstable. Understanding Our True Identity in Christ will give us an unshakable meaning and worth that our hearts have always longed for.

April 25/26 Adopted: Beloved by the Father Romans 8:14-17
May 2/3 Alive: Empowered by the Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:15-21
May 9/10 Worshiper: Shining brightly in Darkness John 4:21-30, 39-42

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