

BREAKING FREE 5 – Freedom in the Spirit

BIG IDEA (2 Cor 3:17)

1. WHEREVER the SPIRIT of the LORD is, there is freedom.
2. Where the SPIRIT is LORD, there is freedom.
3. Where the Spirit is LISTENED to & COOPERATED with, there is freedom.
→ *How does the manifest presence of the Lord lead people into freedom?*
→ *Why does refusing to submit to the lordship of the Holy Spirit tend to bondage?*

Freedom KEY: Your degree of FREEDOM will be determined by the extent to which you LISTEN to & COOPERATE with God the Holy Spirit.

→ *Can you give any examples of how listening to & cooperating with the Holy Spirit has impacted your life?*

→ *What are some signs in your own life that you're walking in Spirit-led freedom versus flesh-bound limitation?*

Some SCRIPTURE

The Holy Spirit is the STILL SMALL VOICE (1 Cor 2:12).

The Holy Spirit is the SPIRIT of TRUTH (John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit is the PARACLETE, the One called alongside to HELP, but you have to LET Him HELP (John 16:7).

Spiritual maturity is learning to listen to the voice of CONVICTION now, so you save yourself from being tormented by the voice of CONDEMNATION in the future.

It's acknowledging God KNOWS BEST ... even if I can't see the future OUTCOMES ... even if my FLESH is screaming.

→ *Is it possible to claim to be spiritually mature without making the Holy Spirit Lord of your life? How does His lordship cultivate maturity?*

HOW exactly do we LISTEN & COOPERATE?

1. OPEN your HEART (Rev 3:20, Ps 95:7b-8, 143:10)

Postures that ensure our hearts are maintained wide open

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| a) WORSHIP | c) CONSECRATION |
| b) HUMILITY | d) PRAYER |

→ *Which posture (worship, humility, consecration or prayer) do you find most helpful in keeping your heart open to God?*

→ *What tends to close or harden your heart to the Holy Spirit's voice?*

→ *Can you share a moment when opening your heart to God led to unexpected freedom?*

2. The Spirit has a SWORD (Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12)
 - * The PRINCIPAL way the Holy Spirit leads is through the WORD.
 - * You'll need the Word to CUT through the NONSENSE.
 - * The very best guide is a HEART FILLED WITH THE WORD.

→ *Why is it important to fill your heart with the Word in order to be Spirit-led?*

→ *How has the Word of God cut through confusion or distraction in your life recently? What's one area where you need God's truth to 'cut through the nonsense' right now?*

3. ATTEND to the TUG of CONVICTION (Col 3:15, Rom 8:6, Gal 5:16).

- * Conviction is a LOVING ALERT that something needs to be ADDRESSED.
- * Conviction is God's KINDNESS calling us to ALIGNMENT.
- * Listening to the Spirit means PAYING ATTENTION when something doesn't SIT RIGHT in your spirit.

→ *How do you recognise the difference between conviction & condemnation?*

→ *Can you recall a time when you ignored conviction & paid the price ... or obeyed & found freedom?*

4. Observe key TEACHABLE MOMENTS (John 14:26, 1 John 2:27).

- * When Holy Spirit SHINES His LIGHT, JUMP on it.
- * If He is in it, there's FREEDOM & BREAKTHROUGH right there.

→ *What helps you recognise when the Holy Spirit is teaching you something in the moment?*

→ *Share a time when you 'jumped on' a teachable moment and experienced breakthrough.*

5. Be responsive to PROPHETIC MINISTRY (1 Thess 5:19-20, 1 Cor 14:3)

Three Main Ways: a) INSPIRED PREACHING

b) PROPHETIC word from the front or out of worship.

c) Gifts of the Spirit exercised during PRAYER MINISTRY.

→ *What has your experience been with prophetic words – either receiving or witnessing them?*

→ *How can we discern between a true prophetic word and personal opinion or emotion?*

→ *How can we as a group cultivate a healthy, Spirit-honouring space for prophetic ministry?*

SUMMARY

The MORE you listen & respond to Him, the FREER you'll be.

The LESS you listen, the MORE you resist, the MORE bound up you'll be.