

TALK IT OVER

Freedom

BOTTOM LINE

Freedom is not about having no authority. It is about being under the right authority.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Tell about a boss or authority figure in your life whom you have admired.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [God Has Given You Authority](#) by Ed Young (29 min.)

VERSES AND QUOTES

Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. James 1:14-15 NLT

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32 NLT

The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize that is wrong in our lives: it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 TLB

They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. 2 Peter 2:19 NLT

“The more we chase unlimited freedom, the more restricted our lives often become. Freedom is found when your life aligns with how it was designed to function.”

“The more you insist on your way, the less free you become. The more you surrender to God’s way, the freer you truly live.”

“Freedom is not the absence of authority or the removal of boundaries. It is the result of right alignment.” — Quotes by Dwight Mason

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Expectations start to suffocate your identity. Fear begins to dictate your decisions. How do you recognize this? Dwight says it is your soul craving freedom. Freedom in our society is typically defined as autonomy. Autonomy sounds and feels powerful at first, but can lead to great bondage. How have you found living without control eventually becoming captivity in practical ways? Freedom is not having no authority. It is being under the right authority. No one lives without being under authority. The question is, whose authority will I choose? God is not opposed to us having desires and freedom. He loves us and is opposed to false freedom. Sin can never deliver what it promises. Discuss how this applies to freedom. James talks about the perfect law that gives freedom – this seems like a contradiction until we realize that aligning with God’s design for me leads to freedom. How have you discovered that freedom is found in letting go of control and surrendering to God?

ACTION STEP

I will examine where my desire for freedom is taking me and then surrender to God’s authority and design for me. _____