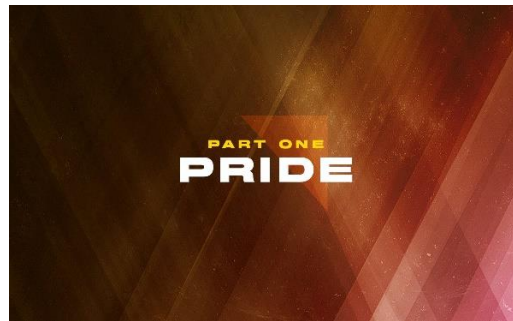


# FREEDOM CONFERENCE



**All In** – God is attracted to a fully committed heart, not perfection.

*Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed. Jeremiah 29:13 (The Message)*

**Commitment** – It sets the stage for freedom in every area of our lives.

**Holy Spirit** – Allowing him to guide us in identifying lies and replacing the lies with the truth found in God's Word.

**Spirit of Pride** – Humanism, worship of oneself.

*"Through pride the devil became the devil. Pride leads to every vice. It is the complete anti-God state of mind." C.S. Lewis*

**Spirit of Mammon** – Spirit of greed and selfishness.

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

Matthew 6:24



God never meant for us to be rejected. Romans 1:7

We are ensnared by rejection in two ways:

- Generational influences
- Life events.

We are accepted – not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

*I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, 'You are my servant;' I have chosen you and not rejected you. Isaiah 41:9*



The standard operating system of humanity dislocated from Father is anxiety and fear.

Our response is often to:

1. Worry/anxiety
2. Control
3. Please
4. Avoid

Fear wants you to focus on it; it feeds on your attention!

*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...* 1 John 4:18

Learn to get reconnected to Father; trust he is always with me and we're going to get through this together!

*I will never leave you or forsake you.* Hebrews 13:5

*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father".* Romans 8:15

We are learning to release control back to the Holy Spirit and trust him.

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7*

*I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)*

*Do not be afraid or discouraged; for the Lord is the one who goes before you... Deuteronomy 31:18*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation – so why should I be afraid? The Lord protects me from danger – so why should I tremble? Psalm 27:1*



*Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Isaiah 1:18*

A **Soul Tie** is an attachment in our mind and/or emotions to a person that can influence the choices of our will.

*For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24*

*So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has **joined together**, let man not separate. Matthew 19:6*

Satan uses sexual sin to **destroy our capacity for intimacy with God and others.**

*...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...you are not your own, you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

### **Four Steps to Freedom**

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| 1. Recognize | 3. Renounce |
| 2. Repent    | 4. Release  |



## **Shame – What Is It?**

The intensely painful feeling that we are unworthy of love and belonging. It is a bad or wrong opinion of ourselves because we have a bad or wrong opinion of God and how he sees us and loves us.

*...so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11 (CSV)*

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6*

*But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

2 Corinthians 3:16-17

*Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*

John 8:7

*Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. Psalm 34:5*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17*



**Physical Abuse** – Abuse involving contact intended to cause feelings of intimidation, injury, or other physical suffering or bodily harm. It can mean being grabbed, slapped, or pinched; it can be harsh or abusive discipline, beatings, being hit or struck violently.

**Verbal Abuse** – an ongoing emotional environment organized by the abuser for the purpose of control. It can be put downs, name calling, harsh words, hateful words like “I wish you were never born”, and constant criticism.

**Emotional Abuse** – An unhealthy relationship where a person purposely undermines our confidence, our worth, and our emotional stability.

- Their tone of voice, the disgusted looks, the “cold shoulder” lets us know we’ve done something stupid, yet again.
- Abandonment: When someone leaves who really should be there for us. Parents, friends, results of a divorce, or parents who were unable to bond with children emotionally.
- Betrayal: Broken trust, broken or unkept promises.

**Sexual Abuse** – Forcing of undesired sexual behavior by one person upon another.

- Child: Incest, molestation, ritual abuse, child pornography
- Youth: Rape, date rape, or being lured into sex by an older person
- Adult: Rape, spousal abuse, or sexual violence

**Spiritual Abuse** – Occurs when a person in spiritual authority misleads and mistreats another person in the name of God or the Church.

- Manipulation or control by pastors or spiritual leaders
- Judgments passed unfairly
- Involves a violation of trust by a person of authority in a religious setting

- We are not good enough
- We will never measure up
- If I had been a different person this would not have happened to me

### **Masking The Pain**

- Drugs and alcohol
- Relationships
- Sex
- Shopping & spending money
- Overeating
- Overachieving

These behaviors only lead the person deeper into depression and further away from healing.

Satan's goals in our lives is to make us ineffective for the Kingdom of God.

### **Victimization**

- Victims see themselves as powerless over their circumstances
- They withdraw emotionally and have an inability to give and receive love
- Victims blame others for their choices and displace responsibility
- They begin to believe their feelings don't matter
- Worst of all, victims develop a hardness in their heart

*I am the Lord who heals you. Exodus 15:26*

*Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them. He rescued them from the grave.*

Psalm 107:19-20

The truth is, a state of unforgiveness holds us hostage to the person and events of the abuse. Unforgiveness affects every relationship in our lives.

*"Unforgiveness is like lighting yourself on fire and hoping the other person will die of smoke inhalation." Unknown*



Offering forgiveness does not mean:

- What happened to us was right
- We deserved it

Forgiveness is not:

- Saying that what the person did was OK  
It's not OK and never will be
- Not a feeling. It's a choice

Forgiveness paves the way for healing.

Forgiveness is:

- A command from God
- Continual. It's a lifestyle
- Releasing them to God. Turning them over to him.

Forgiveness simply means we are allowing God to be Lord over every area of our lives and we choose to live with a pure heart.

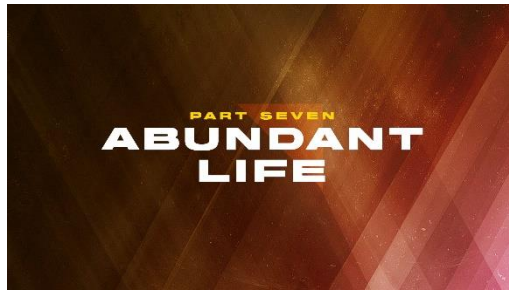
*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8*

*"Forgiveness is opening your hands and releasing a prisoner and realizing the prisoner was you." Martin Luther*

The Lord can take every wound, every hurt, every dark and dead place in our hearts, and he – and **ONLY** he – can heal us, restore us, and make us a totally new person.

We will no longer identify ourselves with what happened **TO** us; our identity will be in the one who lives **IN US**, in Christ.

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



*Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. John 8:32*

- Identify the lie.
- Repent and cast it out.
- Fill it with truth.
- Practice applying the truth.

*...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth... John 4:23*

Learn to partner with the Holy Spirit.

*No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh give birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to the Spirit. John 3:5*

*All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. John 16:15*

*God give the Spirit without limit. John 3:34*

*Now, Lord, consider their (the rulers) threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.*

*After they prayer, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:29-31*

