

Don't Go Back
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// Bible References: Gal 5:1; 2 Chron 7:14, 21-22; 1 Peter 4:17; Matt 7:1-5

// Community Question: As we talk about going on a “journey” of freedom, what is your favorite salty or sweet travel snack?

// Discussion Questions

1. Looking at Galatians 5:1, Paul reminds believers that living a life of freedom is not passive when he warns us to “not submit again” to a yoke of slavery. What are some ways you might be voluntarily returning to old behaviors that Christ has already set you free from?
2. The sermon emphasizes that we must address our own issues (logs) before attempting to help others with their issues (specks). What 'logs' in your own life might be preventing you from effectively helping others find freedom in Christ?
3. Jim discusses how Jesus was full of both grace and truth, and we must maintain both to effectively share freedom with others. In your personal interactions, do you tend to lean more heavily on truth or grace? How might you better balance these two aspects?
4. **GOING DEEPER:** Read 2 Chronicles 7:14, 21-22. Why does Jim emphasize that repentance must begin in the house of God before we can effectively reach others? What areas of your spiritual life might need renewal before you can be used to free others?

// Challenge: What would it look like this week to say *no* to that yoke of slavery and stand firm in freedom? Take one intentional step; maybe it's confessing a struggle to a trusted friend, deleting something that keeps pulling you back, or starting a new rhythm of prayer or scripture to strengthen your walk with Jesus. Don't just think about it...*do it*.

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