

**Your _____ doesn't have
to define your _____.**

John 20:1-20 | 1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her. 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

CRUSHED HOPE CAUSES...

- ✓ Confusing _____. (Mary)
- ✓ Striving for _____. (John)
- ✓ A lack of _____. (Peter)
- ✓ Negative _____. (Disciples)

Proverbs 13:12 | Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

**A hope deferred can lead to a
_____.**

1 Peter 1:3-5 | Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

CREATING A FRAMEWORK OF LIVING HOPE:

- ✓ Introduce your false hopes to _____. [John 20:11-18, 17:17, 1 John 1:5-10]
- ✓ Explore the possibilities of God's _____. [John 20:6-7]
- ✓ Put your hope in the right place, _____. [John 20:8-9, Jeremiah 29:13, John 14:6]
- ✓ Trust that the eternal outweighs the _____. [John 20:19-20]

**Jesus can take a _____
and make it a _____.**

ANSWERS: (1) heartache (2) hope (3) perceptions (4) answers (5) confidence (6) feelings (7) future (8) preferred (9) godly (10) truths (11) abilities (12) Jesus (13) Christ (14) temporary (15) dead (16) end (17) living (18) hope

happening soon

EASTER

HOPE CAN LIVE AGAIN

Jesus defeated death and rose again! Because of His resurrection, hope is alive. Easter is a powerful reminder that no situation is beyond redemption, no darkness can overcome His light, and no grave can hold back the life that Jesus offers. Welcome!

CHILD DEDICATION

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27th

Our next Child Dedication will be next Sunday, April 27th during the Freedom South Service. Mandatory child dedication class for parents dedicating their children will be held prior to service Sunday, April 27th at 9:15am, upstairs in the Lounge.

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FUTURE CHURCH CONFERENCE 2025

MAY 2-4, 2025 | BUFFALO, NY

Join believers and churches across our region as leading pastors, theologians and authors explore the church's future, its challenges, hopes and opportunities! Use the QR code here to register.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SUNDAY

MAY 4TH | COFFEE WITH A COP BEGINS AT 10:15AM

We will be honoring our local law enforcement at our south campus during service Sunday, May 4th. During the service we will hear from the jail chaplain as well as the Niagara County Sheriff. Please plan to join us for "Coffee with a Cop" at 10:15 am prior to the 10:45am service.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

MAY 18, 2025 | SOUTH CAMPUS | 10:45am

Water Baptism is an important next step for anyone who believes in Jesus. Through immersion in water, we follow the lead of Jesus, and demonstrate His death as we are lowered into the water and ultimate resurrection to new life as we are raised from the water. We are instructed to be baptized when we believe to publicly declare our belief in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in being baptized, please use the QR code, register on our website/app or speak with Curt Waugaman. There will be a **mandatory** class prior to the service at 9:45am on 5/18/25 in the Lower Level.

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CONNECT "SOUP and SANDWICHES"

MAY 25, 2025 | SOUTH | 12:30 PM

Those 60 years old and better are welcome to join us for Soup and Sandwiches at 12:30pm in the youth sanctuary. Soup will be provided. Please sign up online, or use the QR code here to register. You will be prompted to sign up to bring a sandwich filling, type of bread or a dessert.

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- ➔ Drop **Envelopes** in the back black boxes in the back of the sanctuary
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- ➔ **Online** - see ➔
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3 SERVICE REMINDER - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We've updated our Sunday Service times at both campuses:

North Campus

New Time: 8:45AM

South Campus

New Times: 9:15AM & 10:45AM

**Child care will only be available during the 10:45AM service.
Thank you for adjusting with us! Please mark your calendars and help share this important change with others.*

welcome.

Sunday, April 20th, 2025 | Freedom Church

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For the Kids:

Newborn – 4th Graders may be checked in to the Freedom Kids check-in hub located in the foyer.

Check in begins at 9:45AM and 10:30AM. Freedom Kids meet in the Youth Sanctuary, and Nexus Teenagers, 5th – 8th grade, meet in the Lower level classroom..



CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Craig Campbell | Lead Pastor
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Kerith McDonald | Office Administrator | Ext. 100
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Michael Peacock | Ministry Assistant | Ext. 206
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CHURCH ELDERS:

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Jim (Ann) Hood
Bill Nimetz
Mark (Linda) Rathke
Matt (Kerith) McDonald
Jim (Debbie) Randle
Adam (Steph) Schifferle

*If you'd like to contact an Elder, please call the church office.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 9AM – 4PM | 716-434-5451

**Reach the Lost.
Disciple the Found.
See Lives Set Free and
Stay Free in Jesus Christ.**

Current Sermon Series

HOPE CAN
LIVE AGAIN

Worship

I Know A Name
Take You At Your Word
Thank You Jesus For The Blood
Reign Above It All
My Jesus

This Week

Church Offices **Closed** Monday April 21st
Nexus | Wednesday | 7pm
Adventure Kids | Wednesday | 7pm

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