



Sermon Notes and Weekly Devotional Guide

July 6-11, 2020

Monday, July 6 Read Psalm 119:41-48

The psalmist talks about walking in freedom (v.45) while at the same time pledging to conform to God's guidelines and ordinances. Is this contradictory? Why or why not? _____

What do you suppose the psalmist would say is the true nature of freedom? _____

Tuesday July 7 Read Isaiah 61:1-11

Note that the promise to the people of Israel is not simply a restoration of their material things but a complete liberation for physical ailments and mental outlooks. Reflect on the spiritual meaning of "freedom" as it relates to this passage and remember that Jesus used it to announce the beginning of his ministry (Luke 4:16-20). In what ways are both Isaiah and Jesus talking about more than just faulty eyesight or physical limitations? _____

Why is it so important for all of us to hear this promise of liberation? _____

Wednesday, July 8 Read John 8:31-38

The Jews in this passage are slaves to their own self-confidence, arrogance and absolute assurance that they

Sermon notes for **"Freeeeedom!"**

July 5, 2020

- 1. Discipleship is a process of transcending our sinful nature.**

- 2. Freedom in Christ is...**
 - A. ...freedom to fail.**
 - B. ...freedom from guilt.**
 - C. ...freedom to be more than we think possible.**

know how God will and should work. Their minds and souls are in bondage to a false view of reality. Where do you see such bondage in our world? _____

What are some of the ways we can both see Jesus' truth and become more receptive to it? _____

Thursday, July 9 Read Romans 7:15-25

Who among us has not experienced the inner struggle Paul describes here? Part of the key to understanding the Good News in this passage is the reminder that we needn't feel *guilty* about having such a struggle. The conflict reminds us of our need for Christ, our reliance on His gracious Spirit and our knowledge of God's love and forgiveness. How does accepting that we are forgiven sinners contribute to our sense of freedom? _____

Friday, July 10 Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

Sinners (like us!) are very good at rationalizing why it is alright to continue doing what they know at heart is wrong (hence vv.12-13). While Paul is addressing here physical and sexual immorality, how are the attitudes he is addressing here the same for all of our sinful activities? _____

How does v.11 relate to v.20 and sum up the response of God to motivate all our actions? _____

Saturday, July 11 Read 1 Peter 2:1-17

How does v.16 here express the same concern as yesterday's reading from 1 Corinthians? In truth we all serve something or someone (jobs, addictions, debts, worries, etc.). How is true Godly freedom about choosing the One who loves us as the one to serve? _____

Why is it important to understand that if we are to live fulfilled lives? _____

How does serving God look in your life (think of specific examples) and how is that service a part of your witness? _____