**Sermon Notes**

**Free Indeed: Protecting Spiritual and National Freedom Under God**
John 8:31–36 | Galatians 5:1 | 2 Corinthians 3:17

**Introduction**

* Freedom is a **gift from God**, not man’s invention. (2 Cor. 3:17)
* Our founders recognized rights are **endowed by our Creator**.
* Jesus said, *“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* (John 8:36)

**1. Freedom in Christ – A Gift from God**

* God delivered Israel from **slavery in Egypt** → points to greater freedom in Christ. (Exod. 20:2)
* True freedom = being free from **sin and fear**, not just politics. (Gal. 5:1)
* Without Christ, even in a free nation, the **soul is in chains**.
* Charlie Kirk: *“Without Jesus, I am nothing.”*
* Key truth: **Our freedoms come from God, not government.**

**Fill-in:** Freedom isn’t doing what I want; it’s the **power to do what God wants**.

**2. Freedom through the Cross – Jesus Sets Us Free from Sin and Death**

* Greatest bondage = **sin**; greatest tyrant = **death**. (Rom. 8:2)
* Jesus’ death & resurrection broke the **chains of guilt, sin, and fear**.
* *“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”* (Rom. 8:1)
* Charlie Kirk: *“Jesus defeated death so you can live.”*
* Another reminder: *“All death can do to a believer is deliver him to Jesus.”*

**Fill-in:** The **Cross** is the hinge of history—Christ liberated us from **sin and death**.

**3. Freedom in Our Nation – One Nation Under God**

* America’s charter: rights are **unalienable** because they are **God-given**.
* Psalm 33:12: *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”*
* Proverbs 14:34: *“Righteousness exalts a nation.”*
* John Adams: *“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.”*
* Charlie Kirk: *“Our rights come from God, not from government.”*
* We are called to be **salt and light** (Matt. 5:13–16) and **seek the welfare of the city** (Jer. 29:7).

**Fill-in:** National liberty lasts only when a people remain **under God**.

**4. Freedom Under Threat – Standing Firm in a Changing Culture**

* Today’s culture pushes to **remove God** → results in moral chaos.
* “Cancel culture” tries to silence biblical truth; government can pressure conscience. (2 Tim. 3:1–5)
* Charlie Kirk: *“Like a spreading pathogen, woke thinking is a serious threat to our nation.”*
* Response:
	+ **Stand firm** in gospel freedom. (Gal. 5:1)
	+ **Armor up** with God’s truth. (Eph. 6:10–18)
	+ Speak truth **with love and courage**.
* Charlie Kirk: *“This silent majority are the Americans who love God, their family, and our amazing country.”*

**Fill-in:** Freedom isn’t self-perpetuating; it must be **defended by God’s people**.

**Conclusion**

* **Freedom from God** → secured by Christ → stewarded by His people.
* We honor sacrifice: Jesus shed His blood; many gave their lives for our liberty.
* 1 Peter 2:16: *“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.”*
* Charlie Kirk: *“Patriotism is not about blind loyalty, but about recognizing the greatness and potential of your country.”*
* Final call: *“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* (John 8:36)

**Fill-in:** Only Jesus makes us **free indeed**—and free people **bless their nation under God**.