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## JUBILEE.

At first glance, the Bible can seem like a disjointed series of stories and books. Old Testament, New Testament. Kings and fishermen. Some whole sections of stories and other ones chock full of advice. But upon further inspection, we see every part of this book does come to a central focus. That focus is Jesus. In the Old Testament, the word "jubilee" could be defined as "a trumpet-blast of liberty." If someone announced the Year of Jubilee, they would be literally blowing a trumpet and all of the congregation of Israel would be able to hear it. From there debts would be forgiven, relationships restored, slaves liberated. How does this ancient custom relate to Jesus? How does this relate to us? Well, we were slaves of sin and held captive by them due to our complete inability to pay for them. But God declared a year of jubilee in Jesus. Jesus set us free! Our slavery is over because of Jesus. We get to live in His freedom, celebrate that freedom, and respond with grace and forgiveness to others.

## IN THE BIBLE.

### **Luke 4:16-21**

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,  
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.  
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say  
to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

### **Romans 6:17-19**

17 Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey  
this teaching we have given you. 18 Now you are free from your slavery to sin,  
and you have become slaves to righteous living.

19 Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of  
slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to  
impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give  
yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

*The "Year of Jubilee" is walked through further in Leviticus 25:8-19 and Isaiah 61.*

## **QUESTIONS.**

- 1.) What does it mean for us to be in a "Year of Jubilee"?
- 2.) How is Jesus the Jubilee?
- 3.) Do you live as someone set free? What does that look like?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?