Celebrate Freedom: Live Free and Stand On the Promises
Galatians 5:1-10
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Galatians 5:1-10: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. 7 You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? 8 That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. 9 "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." 10 I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. (NIV)

## Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ for the power of God's promises

_____ focus: But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:22 (NLT)

_____ the plan: God sent his Son…for the purpose of redeeming us from the Law to adopt us as his children! We are his children because he sent the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, crying, "Dearest Father!" Galatians 4:4-7 (JOT)

2. _____ the power of God's promises

_____ the burden: It is into the freedom of love, grace, and redemption that Christ has set us free! Stand firm and do not subjugate yourself to the punishment of self-justification! Galatians 5:1 (JOT)

_____ grace: Anyone who lets a single legal requirement justify themselves is indebted to accomplish the Law…you release yourself from Christ's control and grace withers in your life and you drift toward destruction! Galatians 5:3-4 (JOT)

_____ truth: You were running beautifully toward freedom in Christ! What obstructed the power of truth from being persuasive to you? Galatians 5:7 (JOT)

3. _____ our stand

_____ in Christ: Remain in what you heard from the beginning that Jesus is the only Son of God. If this abides in you, then the Father lives in you as well. We will all receive God's promise which he promised: eternal life! 1 John 2:24-25 (JOT)

**Spiritual Action Step:**
**Are you living in fear today? Do you feel like you are drifting toward destruction? Do you wonder if God truly cares for you?** Jesus says: *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13, NIV)* Jesus gave his life for you. He wants to be your friend. He is the best friend that you could imagine. What is obstructing the power of the truth in your life? The enemy of your soul wants to steal your hope, kill your joy, and destroy your soul. Ask for Jesus to renew the power of God's truth in your heart and mind! God wants you to be his child. This week, read Isaiah 40 and Galatians 4 to allow the Spirit of Christ to reassure your heart of God's promise to love you.

*Translations: NIV: New International Version; NLT: New Living Translation; JOT: Jon's Own Translation.*