

Freedom Unchained

Week 1: The Illusion of Freedom

Scripture: John 8:31–33 - “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ They answered him, ‘We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, “You will become free?””

1: Cultural Freedom Can Conceal Spiritual Slavery

- They had religious _____ but lacked spiritual awareness.
- We often mistake civic _____ for soul liberty.
- We say we’re _____ because of our rights—but what about our _____ ?

2: Self-Deception Blocks Transformation

- The Jews _____ Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Greece, and Rome.
- Spiritual _____ causes historical _____ and present blindness.
- We cannot be _____ from what we _____ to face.

3: Only the Word Reveals What’s Really Binding You

- Abiding in the Word helps you detect _____ freedom.
- It doesn’t just tell you what’s wrong—it shows you how to _____ right.
- Many are bound by _____ they never challenged.

R.A.P. Challenge (Reflect – Act – Pray)

- **Reflect:** Where am I claiming freedom but still living bound?
- **Act:** Spend 15 minutes each day this week abiding in God’s Word (start with John 8).
- **Pray:** “Lord, open my eyes to the areas where I’m not as free as I think. Help me trade illusion for truth.”