



July 2021

Dear Partner,

The beginning of July is very important in the history of Americans. History tells us that on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress, comprised of representatives from each of the 13 colonies, declared that America was free from foreign rule. That day, we declared ourselves an independent nation and now, every year on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our freedom as Americans on the national holiday called Independence Day. But do you know what, Partner? A lot of people don't think about the fact that we had to fight a war to be free.

Freedom isn't free. The fallen nature of man consistently tries to rise above others, exert control over others, and devalue and dominate others. You could say that history is littered with people who want to act as a god over others, leading to the inevitable restlessness in the human soul that rises up under that and fights to be free. Time after time, freedom has to be fought for and won. Well, do you know who *won* the purest type of freedom a person can experience in this life? Jesus.

There is no freedom in this world that compares with the freedom we find in Jesus Christ because it affects every part of our lives. When we get born again, our spirit is able to communicate with the Lord, and the wisdom of His Word opens up to us—spiritually first, but then also physically and financially, as well as in business and in our relationships with people—in every single area we apply it.

Freedom in a nation is great, but you can live in a free country and still not be free in your heart. The bottom line is that there is NO government or country on this earth that can give us the type of freedom that is found in our acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior and our adherence to His Word. And that's why, today, I want to share a few things with you about freedom in Christ.

### **Why Would I Remain Bound When Jesus Has Set Me free?**

As you know, salvation is free but it definitely didn't come cheap—it cost Jesus Christ His life. He won the battle for our soul by giving Himself for us and for all of humanity. It's so easy to receive salvation because Jesus already paid the ultimate price for it. So, if we receive salvation, why not go even further and walk in the *freedom* of our salvation? Why are so many believers content to remain bound when Jesus has set us free?

Our theme for 2021 is the scripture found in 2 Kings 4:2 where Elisha asks the widow woman, "*What shall I do for thee?*" Every month this year, I've been writing and encouraging you to realize that God is asking that same question to you. He wants you to open up your heart and really start walking like His free child who has no problem communicating your needs, desires, and wants to Him.

Now, I've covered several passages of scripture that reveal different ways of looking at the "*What shall I do for thee?*" theme this year. But, in this month of July, I want to focus on what God has *already* given to you, and that is FREEDOM. So, let's go to John 8:32 where it says, "*And ye shall know the truth, and the*

*truth shall make you free.*” This scripture makes it clear that truth destroys bondage of any kind because it’s the *truth* that you *know* that makes you free. You can’t be free relying on somebody else’s knowledge of the truth. You must know it. Spiritual freedom is personal, and that’s why it begins with a personal relationship with Jesus.

Now, go to John 8:36. There it says, *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”* You see, Partner, Jesus is not just a truth, or some truth, but He is THE Truth. In Jesus we find freedom because in Him we find truth. It’s not always comfortable because the truth of Christ’s teaching shines a light on all the lies the world sells us, including the acceptance of our fallen human nature as something acceptable or something you just have to live with.

A lot of Christians don’t know how free they can really be in Christ. They just keep on letting the world dictate to them how they should think or live, what they can have or not have, and they really think they’ve got to just accept everything that comes down the pipe. In other words, the world is still in control of their mind even though Jesus is in their heart. That’s no way to live. That’s called living in bondage, when all the while freedom is available right inside of you. Jesus freed us from all kinds of things that even the Church says you have to go through. When will we accept the freedom Jesus has already given us? How about now? How about right now?!

### **I Refuse to Limit My Capacity to Receive What I’ve Already Been Given!**

Partner, I refuse to be in bondage to anything that I’ve been made free from through the work of Christ. I refuse to let the world dictate how I should think because Jesus’ teaching blows their ideas out of the water. So, the first point I want to share with you today is this: **Bondage cramps spiritual aspirations and limits your capacity to receive what God has already given to you.**

You can always recognize a bondage by how it *talks* to you. When you think about being free in an area of your life, does it spew doubt on you? When you’re living under a bondage mindset, you may notice that it spews doubt about what God said in His Word. Just when you open up and start to answer God’s question, *“What shall I do for thee?”* doubt shuts you down by telling you what “can’t” happen for you.

That’s why you may feel funny when you read John 14:14: *“If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.”* Although we know Jesus said that, notice how your mind tries to negate it. That’s because your mind is not renewed to the truth that Jesus has made you free. Otherwise, He never would have told you to ask for *“any thing.”*

God wants you to know that your freedom is permanent. If freedom is temporary, then it’s not true freedom. Now, to understand this, your mind, will, and emotions (which make up the soul) must be *transformed* by the Spirit that lives in you—that’s found in Romans 12:2. You cannot experience spiritual freedom without honoring your spirit and the Holy Spirit’s time together. You can’t get free just thinking about freedom. You can’t will freedom into your own life. You receive freedom when you receive Christ, but you walk in freedom when you choose to let the truth in His Word transform your thinking. This is why we are told to meditate on the Word day and night—to not just read it but to remind ourselves of it as we go about our day (Joshua 1:8-9).

### **I’ve Been Made Free from the Law of Sin and Death, and So Have You**

This world would like to tell you that you are a victim of all sorts of things. It will continually remind you of your shortcomings or always try to point your eyes to others to compare yourself against. This world will try to beat you down with victimhood until you do nothing but groupthink yourself into a state of misery! The devil wants to make you feel like you’re nothing—that you are less than others in some way. He wants to tell you that you are deficient in some way, but he is a liar and a thief! Jesus set you free. Don’t let the devil keep your mind in bondage. Let the purity of the Gospel push out the pollution of the world. You can choose to know the truth and be set free.

I am amazed by how many people say they love God so much and yet sin so often. You and I have been made free from sin. In Romans 8:2 it says, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”* Notice those two words “hath” and “free.”

Partner, I don’t have a problem with sin; sin has a problem with me. Glory! Now some of you may ask, “How can he say that?” Well, that brings me to the next point of this letter: **Christ Jesus is the only**

**Liberator of the human race.** Don't let this world fool you. When Jesus shed His blood, it did not cover your sin, it washed it away! That means there is no evidence against you anymore—nothing to feel guilty for or ashamed about anymore.

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If you've done something you wish you hadn't, repent and let it go. Realize that walking around in bondage for something that Jesus' blood has paid for isn't healthy and it isn't right. You've been made free from the law of sin and death, and that's that! To stay in bondage and not receive your forgiveness is a smack in the face to the One Who died to free you and wash you white as snow. When your mind tries to go against the truth, do what the Word says in 2 Corinthians 10:5: “...*bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*” Christ's work is more powerful than anything you may be holding onto, so let it go. Take hold of your freedom in Christ. Shout, Partner, and remind yourself that you are free! Now, what shall God do for you?

### **Freedom Thinking Is Right Thinking—I've Been Freed from Grief**

True freedom has been available for over two thousand years. You see, freedom thinking is right thinking! The world would have you believe that you should live lower, but God wants to raise you up—spiritually first, and then in every other area of your life.

Lately, I have been thinking about the things Jesus has given to me—and one of the most precious things is my freedom from grief. A person asked me if I went into grief when my oldest brother passed away not long ago. I said, “No, I can't grieve. Isaiah 53:4 says, ‘*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.*’ So, yes, I miss him, but Jesus took my grief.” I don't know who needs to hear this today, but if you let Satan beat you up with grief, he will destroy you. He will take your joy if you let him. He's a serial killer of joy. Partner, Jesus set us free from that.

You see, I know I'll see my brother again, so I rejoice in that. I hope you are getting this. I have the joy of the Lord in my life, and I also have emotional happiness, too. Glory! That's just one thing you and I are free from, so don't let the world tell you that you have to fall into a state of grief. As believers, we know that this life isn't all there is and that when we die, we just move locations. That's it! My brother moved to Heaven, and guess what? I'll visit him there one day.

As believers, there's no point for us to think like the world thinks and let the devil beat us up. So, while I may miss my brother, I don't grieve because I know the truth, and it's made me free. I'm here, he's there, and there's still work to do and people to reach for Christ. I want to take as many people with me to Heaven as I can. I want to see as many people as I can living free right here on the earth, too. All of us should be beacons of light in a dark place, refusing to be in bondage because Jesus has already set us free.

### **I Have a Faith and Freedom Generator, and I Use It!**

Now, I'm going to tell you how to stay “up” all the time even in the midst of trouble. Are you ready? It's the last point of this letter: **God's Word is a generator of faith and freedom.** Now, don't complicate that. The faith generator, which is the Word, keeps the light shining within you at all times. Let it do its job. If you do, guess what will happen? You'll be known as an apostle of joy, just like John Hagee named me 30 years ago—because there is joy in the presence of the Lord. His Word isn't only full of wisdom, it's also full of truth, and the more you know it, the more it'll set you free. It's not just words on a page, it's life flowing to you and to me. Glory! Partner, it's so simple, all you've got to do is open yourself up to God's Word and believe it. There is joy and power in simple faith. Don't complicate it!

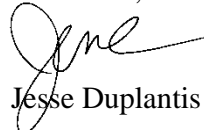
Well, I hope you enjoyed this letter from me today. I hope you will realize that you don't have to live in bondage to anything, and I hope you'll search the Word for the truth you need today. We need truth every day, Partner. Not a day should go by that you don't get in the presence of God and meditate on the truth of His Word. Don't let that go because it's what's going to stoke the fires of your freedom.

Thank you for blessing this ministry with your faithful financial seeds. We are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time. This ministry is a working machine, and your seed is the fuel that keeps us reaching out around the world. So, again, Cathy and I can't thank you enough for what you do because helping others to find freedom in Jesus is the most important thing to us and to God.

God cares about everyone. There is nobody too far gone to be reached by His love. Every person is worth the effort of reaching out with the truth of God's Word. As you sow your seed today, believe for the 30, 60, and 100-fold return. Don't negate Jesus' teaching—just remind yourself that the faith generator of God's Word has that kind of power.

Until I write you again, remember that your freedom is always going to be tied to truth—so don't let go of the truth. Refuse to accept the shackles of past bondages. You are free, and it's Christ's doing. So, no matter what you encounter, focus on the truth that sets you free. Don't let your eyes get fixed on just problems. Raise your eyes and see from where your help comes—and notice that it doesn't come from the world or problems. Our help comes from the Lord (Psalm 121:1-2). He is the Answer to all the problems! He's the Truth. And, guess what, Partner? He is in *you* right at this moment—ready to liberate you, fill you with His presence, and give you just what you need to walk in true freedom today!

Love You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jesse Duplantis

P.S. In appreciation for your July Partnership of \$50 or more, I've chosen a powerful message called ***Sin-Free Living***, available to you on DVD, CD, or both formats. And for your Partnership of any amount, it is available to you on CD. Simply go online to JDM.org and click on 'Donate,' or check the enclosure and return it to us in the envelope provided. This message is not for the faint of heart, but it just may change your perspective and your life! Also, I invite you to join me at my **2021 Visionary Conference** on **July 15-16**, right here at JDM International Headquarters in Destrehan, LA. It is FREE and open to all, and I'd love to see you here. We will also be livestreaming the entire Conference on JDM.org, Facebook (/JesseDuplantisMinistries), and on our YouTube channel (/jesseduplantismin). I'm expecting great things!



# FREEDOM *in* CHRIST

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“What Shall  
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2 KINGS 4:2

**July 2021**  
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes



# Freedom in Christ

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- So, if we receive salvation, why not go even further and walk in the *freedom* of our salvation?
- Why are so many believers content to remain bound when Jesus has set us free?

**\*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:1.**

**Let's take a moment to read this passage of scripture about a widow woman that was so bound by debt that the creditor came to take away her sons.**

- They needed freedom from a life of bondage to debt.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:1-7 KJV:**

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2. And Elisha said unto her, ***What shall I do for thee?*** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4. And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

**This is a wonderful example of the power of God that is available to all that will come to Him in faith.**

- We have learned so much about being bold to ask God for the things we need in life.

**All this year we have been focusing on six words from verse 2: *“What shall I do for thee?”***

- It is our theme that the Lord gave us for 2021.

**In every monthly Bible Study, we have been encouraging you to realize that God is asking that same question to you: *“What shall I do for thee?”***

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**Now, so far this year, we have covered several passages of scripture that reveal different ways of looking at our theme: *“What shall I do for thee?”***

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- And that is FREEDOM in Christ.

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- *You* must know it.

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- And that’s why it begins with a personal relationship with Jesus.

**Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!**

1. My freedom is found in my acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior and my adherence to His Word. Jesus has set me free and I refuse to remain bound.
2. My heart is open and I walk like a free child of God. I have no problem communicating my needs, desires, and wants to God.
3. God has *already* given me FREEDOM in Christ. Truth destroys bondage of any kind because it’s the truth that I know that makes me free.

**Close in Prayer.**

## Freedom in Christ

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Week July 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year we will continue to look at passages of scripture that reveal different ways of looking at our 2021 theme: *“What shall I do for thee?”*

- And this month we are focusing on what God has *already* given to us.

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Today we will continue with this month's Bible Study titled: Freedom in Christ.

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- *You* must know it because spiritual freedom is personal.

In part one of our study, we learned that our freedom is found in our acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior and by our adherence to His Word.

- Once Jesus has set us free, we must refuse to remain bound.

We also saw that our heart must be open and walk like a free child of God.

- We should not have a problem communicating our needs, desires, and wants to Him.

Last week we learned that God has *already* given us FREEDOM in Christ.

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In part two of our study, we will discover more about our freedom in Christ.

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Jesus is not just a truth, or some truth, but He is THE Truth.

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It's not always comfortable because the truth of Christ's teaching shines a light on all the lies the world sells us.

- That includes the acceptance of our fallen human nature as something acceptable or something you just have to live with.

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You can refuse to be in bondage to anything that you've been made free from through the work of Christ.

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**The first point of our Bible Study this month is: Bondage cramps spiritual aspirations and limits your capacity to receive what God has already given to you.**

- You can always recognize a bondage by how it *talks* to you.

**\*Group Discussion: When you think about being free in an area of your life, does it spew doubt on you?**

**When you're living under a bondage mindset, you may notice that it spews doubt about what God said in His Word.**

- Just when you open up and start to answer God's question, "*What shall I do for thee?*" doubt shuts you down by telling you what "can't" happen for you.

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**We are going to read Jesus' promise to us about answered prayer!**

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*"If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it."*

**When you live under a bondage mindset, you may feel funny when you read that verse.**

- Although you know Jesus said that, notice how your mind tries to negate it.
- That's because your mind is not renewed to the truth that Jesus has made you free.
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**You receive freedom when you receive Christ, but you walk in freedom when you choose to let the truth in His Word transform your thinking.**

- This is why we are told in Joshua 1:8 to meditate on the Word day and night.
- To not just read it but to remind ourselves of it as we go about our day.
- The last part of verse 8 says, *"...for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

**The truth in God's Word is the only way to experience freedom in Christ.**

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1. Jesus made me free and I am free indeed! Jesus is not just a truth, or some truth, but He is THE Truth. I find freedom in Jesus because in Him I find truth.
2. I refuse to be in bondage to anything that I've been made free from through the work of Christ. I refuse to let the world dictate how I should think.
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This week you will see that you have been MADE free from the law of sin and death.

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- Now, some people may ask you, “How can you say that?”

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**Now, what shall God do for you?**

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1. I let the purity of the Gospel push out the pollution of the world. I don’t have a problem with sin; sin has a problem with me.
2. Christ Jesus is the only Liberator of the human race. I do not accept bondage of any kind, and I bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

**Close in Prayer.**

## Freedom in Christ

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week July 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All this year we have been looking at passages of scripture that reveal different ways of looking at our theme: *"What shall I do for thee?"*

\*Instruct the group to turn to John 8:32.

Today we will conclude our Bible Study titled: **Freedom in Christ.**

- This month we have been focusing on what God has *already* given to us.

Last week we learned to let the purity of the Gospel push out the pollution of the world.

- We saw that we don't have a problem with sin; sin has a problem with us.

We also learned that **Christ Jesus is the only Liberator of the human race.**

- We saw that we should not accept bondage of any kind, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

\*Invite someone in the group to read John 8:32 KJV:

*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

This scripture makes it clear that truth destroys bondage of any kind.

- Notice that it's the *truth* that you *know* that makes you free.

\*Instruct the group to turn to Isaiah 53:4.

True freedom has been available for over two thousand years.

- You see, freedom thinking is right thinking!

The world would have you believe that you should live lower, but God wants to raise you up—spiritually first, and then in every other area of your life.

\*Group Discussion: Did you know that one of the most precious things that Jesus has given to us is our freedom from grief?

We don't need to go into grief when a loved one passes away.

- Although we miss them, Jesus took our grief.

\*Invite someone in the group to read Isaiah 53:4 KJV:

*"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."*

- If you let Satan beat you up with grief, he will destroy you.
- He will take your joy if you let him.
- He's a serial killer of joy, but Jesus set you free from that.

**You can know that you will see your loved ones again, so you can rejoice in that.**

- You can have the joy of the Lord in your life and also have emotional happiness, too!
- That's just one thing that you are free from, so don't let the world tell you that you have to fall into a state of grief.

**As believers, we know that this life isn't all there is and that when we die, we just move locations.**

- That's it! Our loved ones moved to Heaven, and we'll visit them there one day.

**There's no point for us to think like the world thinks and let the devil beat us up.**

- So, while we may miss our loved ones, we don't grieve because we know the truth and it's made us free.

**We are here, they are there, and there's still work to do and people to reach for Christ.**

- We should want to take as many people with us to Heaven as we can.

- We should want to see as many people as we can living free right here on the earth, too.
- All of us should be beacons of light in a dark place, refusing to be in bondage because Jesus has already set us free.

**Now, we are going to look at the last point of this month's Bible Study: God's Word is a generator of faith and freedom.**

- Now, don't complicate that.
- This is how you can stay "up" all the time even in the midst of trouble.

**The faith generator, which is the Word, keeps the light shining within you at all times.**

- Let it do its job and you can be known for your joy.
- There is joy in the presence of the Lord.

**\*Group Discussion: Have you come to realize that His Word isn't only full of wisdom, it's also full of truth, and the more you know it, the more it'll set you free?**

- It's not just words on a page, it's life flowing to you.
- It's so simple, all you've got to do is open yourself up to God's Word and believe it.

**There is joy and power in simple faith, so don't complicate it!**

- Remember, you don't have to live in bondage to anything.

**Search the Word for the truth you need today and every day.**

- Not a day should go by that you don't get in the presence of God and meditate on the truth of His Word.
- Don't let that go because it's what's going to stoke the fires of your freedom.

**Don't negate Jesus' teaching—just remind yourself that the faith generator of God's Word has that kind of power.**

- Remember, your freedom is always going to be tied to truth—so don't let go of the truth.
- Refuse to accept the shackles of past bondages.
- You are free, and it's Christ's doing.

**So, no matter what you encounter, focus on the truth that sets you free.**

**\*Instruct the group to turn to Psalm 121:1.**

**Don't let your eyes get fixed on just problems.**

- Raise your eyes and see from where your help comes.
- Notice that it doesn't come from the world or problems.

**\*Invite someone in the group to read Psalm 121:1-2 KJV:**

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth."*

**Our help comes from the Lord.**

- Jesus is the Answer to all the problems and He's the Truth.

**He is in you right at this moment—ready to liberate you and fill you with His presence.**

- And He's ready to give you just what you need to walk in true freedom in Christ today!

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2. God's Word is a generator of faith and freedom. Jesus liberates me, fills me with His presence, and gives me just what I need to walk in true freedom today.

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