



Freedom Sunday

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Introduction:

- Modern day slavery?
- Each of us can make a difference

You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:12-13 NLT

Choosing Freedom

1. Freedom in Christ

The Spirit of the LORD and King is on me. The LORD has anointed me to announce good news to poor people. He has sent me to comfort those whose hearts have been broken. He has sent me to announce freedom for those who have been captured. He wants me to set prisoners free from their dark cells. He has sent me to announce the year when he will set his people free. Isaiah 64:1-2 NIRV

2. Freedom from slavery

They cast lots for my people. They sold boys into slavery to get prostitutes. They sold girls to buy some wine to drink.

Joel 3:3 NIRV

"Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery. Exodus 6:6, 9 NLT

3. Making a difference

- Pray and stay informed
- Shop for freedom
- Financial commitment

Next Steps:

- I will pray for those who are victims of slavery and trafficking, and for those working to stop it
- Commit to doing at least one thing to make a difference: _____
- I will support financially: _____
- I thank God for the freedom I have found in Jesus and will live free by his power and spirit
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