


FORWARD

...INTO FREEDOM

THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP!

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Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. Romans 5:1-2 (NLT)

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Galatians 5:1 (NLT)

1. I move forward in freedom by _____ to _____.

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

2. I move forward in freedom by _____.

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14 (NLT)

3. I move forward in freedom by believing Jesus _____ me.


This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

See Ephesians 2:1-5

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1. I move forward in freedom by **DYING** to **SELF**.

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2. I move forward in freedom by **FORGIVING**.

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**DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**
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[CONNECT]

Share a time when you got stuck somewhere? What did it feel like? What did you do?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read Romans 5:1-2

- What has Christ brought us according to this passage?
- What has Christ done? What do we do?

Read Luke 9:23-24

- How would you explain to someone what it means to “die to self”?
- What does it feel like you’re losing in this passage?
- What does it feel like you’re gaining in this passage?

Read Colossians 3:12-14

- How do we “clothe ourselves” with these characteristics?
- What is your biggest challenge in forgiving others?

Read Ephesians 2:1-5

- Have your group read this through 3 different times. What stands out and impacts you most?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

What is one “next right step” you can take this week that will allow God’s freedom to take root in you?