Freedom

1. Being Set Free

a) **John 8:36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

b) **Gal 5:1a** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

c) **2 Co 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.

d) **Ps 119:44-45** I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

2. Free from what?

a) **Acts 13:38-39** "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every **sin**, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

b) **Isa 61:1-3** The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim **freedom** for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

c) Whatever you need to be free of – being brokenhearted, being held captive by sin or sickness, in darkness, in mourning, feeling despair – God will set you free of it.

3. Boundaries and Warnings

a) **1 Co 10:23-24** "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. [24] No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

b) **Gal 5:13-14** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

c) **1 Pe 2:16-17** Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

d) **2 Pe 2:18-20** For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of the flesh, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. **19** They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for "people are slaves to whatever has mastered them." **20** If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning

e) Use our freedom to do good not evil. Don't fall into sin again.

4. Blessings

a) John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **32** Then you will know the **truth**, and the truth will set you free."

b) James 1:25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be **blessed in what they do**.

c) Rom 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you **free from the law of sin and death**.

d) Eph 3:12 In him and through faith in him **we may approach God with freedom and confidence**.

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