

## Free To Do His Will

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### *The Embassy Church - Small Group Notes - Sunday, March 10, 2019*

Many people seem to think in order to do the will of God, you have to give up some freedom. Nothing could be further from the truth! Without freedom, it is impossible to do the will of God. This message will help you find out how this works and how you can experience the freedom to do His will!

Blessings,  
Pastor Léon van Weerden

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### ***Scriptures – All Passages New Living Translation, Unless Otherwise Noted***

*Proverbs 14:12 (New King James Version)*

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

*Psalms 119:35-45*

<sup>35</sup> Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found. <sup>36</sup> Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money! <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. <sup>38</sup> Reassure me of your promise, made to those who fear you. <sup>39</sup> Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good.

<sup>40</sup> I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness. <sup>41</sup> LORD, give me your unfailing love, the salvation that you promised me. <sup>42</sup> Then I can answer those who taunt me, for I trust in your word. <sup>43</sup> Do not snatch your word of truth from me, for your regulations are my only hope. <sup>44</sup> I will keep on obeying your instructions forever and ever. <sup>45</sup> I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments.

*Romans 7:21-25*

<sup>21</sup> I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. <sup>22</sup> I love God’s law with all my heart. <sup>23</sup> But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. <sup>24</sup> Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? <sup>25</sup> Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

*Romans 8:1-4*

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. <sup>3</sup> The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. <sup>4</sup> He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

*Romans 8:10-13*

<sup>10</sup> And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. <sup>13</sup> For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live.

*Galatians 5:13*

<sup>13</sup> For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

### Galatians 5:16

<sup>16</sup> So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

### 2 Corinthians 3:3

<sup>3</sup> Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.

### Main Points

- 1) Everybody Wants to Do the Right Thing
- 2) Everybody Wants to Do the Wrong Thing
- 3) Only Freedom Enables You to Do His Thing

### Discussion Questions

#### Revelation

- What is freedom in God?
- Even though we want to do the right thing, why is it at the same time everybody wants to do the wrong thing?
- What principle of life did Paul discover in Romans 7:21-25?
- Where is the answer for freedom in God found? (Romans 7:25)
- How does the Spirit set us free? (Romans 8:10-13)

#### Interpretation

- What does the phrase *without freedom it is impossible to do the will of God* mean?
- How do we find freedom as outlined in Psalm 119:35-45?
- Where is there a war taking place in our life? (Romans 7:21-25)
- How does doing God's thing turn into the best thing?
- Where do we find full freedom?
- How are we a letter of Christ? (2 Corinthians 3:3)

#### Application

- Are there areas in your life where you need freedom?
- Are you truly living free in Jesus with the fullness of the Spirit?
- Are you plugged into the Spirit and living free?
- Are there areas in your life where you need to plug into the Spirit?

**Quotable Quotes**

- Bound people have to sin. When you are free in Jesus, you do not have to sin.
- When we are freed by the grace of God, we still have to choose who we will follow?
- Will we follow the will of God, or the sinful nature.