

Change In The Chains

Finally, freedom from the same-ole stuff is on its way.

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Today's Scripture Promise:

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36).

Today's Observation:

Most of us can identify with the helpless feeling of being shackled by one thing or another. Some of us have felt trapped in bad relationships. Others have experienced the hamster wheel of dead end jobs or have had migraines from repeatedly hitting our heads on the glass ceiling with nowhere to go. The emotional chains of doubt, depression, and feelings of inadequacy have bound others. Yet, there are no greater feelings of helplessness than those experienced by people who want with all their hearts to do right, but simply cannot muster the strength. I know these feelings all-too-well! Today's promise is laser targeted at those of us who need a miracle of grace so we can live according to God's plan for our lives.

Jesus said that whoever continues sinning is a servant of sin. He continues: Those who are servants (to sin) will eventually be expelled from their master's house due to disobedience. But, He says, He is willing and available to change our status if we are willing to submit to Him. He wants to adopt all of us into His family, thereby miraculously changing our status from "slaves to sin" to "children of the Living God" (blessed be His name), thus emancipating us forever. For whomever He liberates from sin by faith, is indeed free to begin living holy lives right now! Our ability to sin is not greater than God's ability to save us if we continue to trust in Him.

Today's Marching Orders:

Believe God. Today, whenever you feel the shackles of cherished sin encroaching upon you, claim the promise of God's only begotten Son. Tell Him that you believe He has the power to deliver you immediately from temptation, and continue to claim His promises (aloud if need-be) until the temptation passes. Then give thanks and help others do the same.