

Learn to Trust
Break Every Chain – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – May 21, 2017
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Luke 4:18 (ESV) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

Acts 10:38 (ESV) how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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

Romans 6:19b (ESV) For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

1. _____ is the basis of your salvation

2 Peter 1:1b (ESV) To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

A. God gives you _____ you need

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

B. God's promises help you _____ sin

2 Peter 1:4 (ESV) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

C. Make _____ to build your faith

2 Peter 1:5a (ESV) For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith ...

2. Faith brings many _____

Acts 20:21 (ESV) testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Faith brings _____ with God

Romans 5:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Faith brings forgiveness and _____

Acts 13:38-39 (ESV) Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

3. You must _____ by faith

Romans 1:17 (ESV) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

A. Jesus _____ you for everything

Philippians 4:13 (ESV) I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

B. Keep your eyes on _____

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Action Plan for This Week

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Describe what Jesus came to do for people (Luke 4:18, John 8:36).

What are some of the ways that the devil oppresses or chains people (Acts 10:38)?

What effect does clinging chains or sins have on our race of life (Hebrews 12:1)?

Describe the two masters that everyone is enslaved to, one or the other (Romans 6:19).

What types of things can become chains for people, that may not be recognized as a problem?

1A. What is the essential requirement for being saved (2 Peter 1:1, John 3:16)?

1B. When you are saved, what does God's power make available to you (2 Peter 1:3)?

1C. What is the purpose of God's promises for your life (2 Peter 1:4)?

1D. What does 2 Peter 1:5a tell you about how to follow Jesus?

2A. What are the two essential aspects of the Gospel (Acts 20:21)? Describe each one in your own words.

2B. How can a person have peace with God (Romans 5:1)?

2C. What benefits does faith in Jesus bring according to Acts 13:38-39?

2D. Why do believers still sin (1 John 1:8)? How can you be set free from sin (Romans 8:13)?

3A. How does faith continue to be important after salvation (Romans 1:17)?

3B. What does Philippians 4:13 promise to every believer?

3C. How does the example of Jesus help us in overcoming temptation and sin (Hebrews 12:2)?

3D. Give examples of chains that are sins a person commits.

3E. Give examples of chains that keep a person from following Jesus' commands. Why does denial of chains keep a person from freedom?