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Meditation

Freedom

Have you ever felt trapped? This experience can be in the form of a relationship, a job, an adventure gone awry, an accident, or maybe a situation where you are stuck between friends. Think about your experience of being trapped. Were you able to get out of the trap alone, or did it take a force beyond yourself to free you?

Someone who is drowning cannot save themselves, because if they could, it would be impossible for them to be drowning in the first place. Without Christ, we are trapped. We are slaves to sin. We cannot free ourselves. *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. 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. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord* (Romans 6:19–23).

Sin leads to death. God leads us to life. What do we do with the freedom we have in Christ? Do we sin more or do we use this gift to forgive others? As we look around us and see the freedom we have as Americans, how do we as Christians use it? Do we use our freedom of speech to share the love of Jesus, or do we use it to slander the latest politician? Do we use our freedom to share and give generously to those in need, or do we spend our money frivolously on ourselves?

Freedom is costly. Our freedom was purchased by the blood of Jesus. We can praise God for the freedom we experience because of the blood of Jesus.

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