

**Die Young**

**Slavery is the New Freedom**

Romans 6

*Romans 6:16–23 ESV*

*Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 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.*

Ask, How would you Define freedom or activities of freedom?

Ask, How are obedience and slavery tied to one another? (Obedience is tied to slavery - giving up thinking for one's self)

Say, In today's definition of Slavery – most of us would agree that slavery in any form is unacceptable. And in the most widely accepted view of slavery, that would be correct. However, when we take a look at slavery in light of God and His Word, we will be challenged to understand slavery in a different way.

Make this statement and then allow participants to unpack it. - *The person devoted to freedom leads them into slavery to the results of that particular freedom.*

Read 2 Peter 2:19 - They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

What are some "good" things that we can become enslaved to?

Read James 1:14-15

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

What is temptation? - anything that lures and entices fueled by what we want, when we want, and how we want.

Temptation leads to sin and the result of sin is death.

Does freedom really exist? (It does but true freedom only comes through Christ and then our desire/wants are then in submission to what God wants.)

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 - What then does it mean "you are not your own, you were bought with a price?"

Explain the concept of a Life debt – a person would surrender his life to someone who had saved their life. Why is this such an unusual concept to us?

Ask, Don't we all struggle with sin? Where is that freedom then?

1. Free from the condemnation of sin Romans 7:24, 25; Romans 8:1
2. Freedom from Habitual sin - Romans 6:2, 3-4 how can we be delivered from sin and still struggle with sin? v. 6 - the crucifixion did more than just initial defeat of sin (paying the wages of sin) but continues to deliver through the process of freedom in our lives v. 7 – this is that process where we are continuing to be saved from our sin.

Remember, there are no part time slaves. Matthew 6:24

The enslaving, habitual sin is addressed in 1 John 3:8-9. The practice of sin is not consistent with the life of one who has surrendered to Christ. The practice of sinning is inconsistent with the slavery of God. Actually, following Christ is signing up for slavery to the One who will never leave us or forsake us.

Unconditional obedience actually leads to freedom.

Disciplines that lead to slavery

- submission - the opposite is defiance (open resistance)
- Read these verses - James 4:7, 1 Peter 2:13, Ephesians 5:21-22

We are obsessed with owning and not being owned. How is that played out in your life/  
(We fear what submission does to our self-life.)

Big statement here – What does this mean? As our will aligns with His we begin to adopt His will as our will as we submit to and obey God.

It is important to remember that Submission is not designed around any “deals” we might try to swing with God.

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

Hebrews 13:17

God would never ask you to be involved with Submission to sin. - anyone who wants you to submit to sin is misguided and God would never ask us or lead us to sin

Service

Living as a royal is actually submitting to the royal lineage and a slave to the bloodline - royalty is actually slavery/service

Since God is King - Freedom is yours when you submit to the crown.

Share prayer request.

Close in prayer.