

Breaking Free From The Slave Master

Ex. 1:8-11

8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.

9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us.

10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country."

11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

Mt. 13:22 - The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Heb. 12:1-2a

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

1 Peter 5:7 – Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 (JB Phillips) - You can throw the whole weight of your anxieties upon him, for you are his personal concern.

1. Those sent by Satan

2. Those invited by us

I. The slave master you invited into your life

1 Corinthians 10:23 - "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (Amp) - All things are legitimate [permissible--and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient,

profitable, and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life].

Edify (oikodomeo) = to be a house builder, construct or build up

1 Peter 2:5 - You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Matthew 15:16-20 (NKJV)

16 So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?"

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

Vs. 17 - Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?

Vs. 17 (NIV) - "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?"

A) Admit and Repent of and forsake your sin – Don't keep dabbling in it!

B) Build a prayer life that consists of just more than just asking God for stuff!

C) Consecrate yourself and get serious about studying God's Word so that you know what His will and promises are for you!

1) Whatever weakens your reasoning

2) Whatever impairs the tenderness of your conscience

3) Whatever obscures your vision of God

4) Whatever takes away the appreciation of spiritual things

5) Whatever increases the authority of your body or soul over your spirit

II. The slave master sent by satan

1 Samuel 30:1-7

1 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, 2 and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

5 David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him,

Luke 18:1 - men ought always to pray, and not to faint

Ephesians 3:20... the Lord is able "to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"

Job 23:9 - When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.

Psalms 18:33 - He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights.