





OFFERING FREEDOM

Mark 3:7-8; 20-21

7-8 Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The news about his miracles had spread far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him.

20-21 One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.



Different forms of control:

Moodiness

Crocodile Tears

Bullying

Withholding

Defining Reality

Belittling

Lying

Super-spiritual-spin

The Blame Game

Intolerance



Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

2 Corinthians 3:17

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.



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Genesis 2:16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”



“If a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad. Free will is what has made evil possible. Free will is the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having. Happiness is freely choosing to unite with God without force. For that we must be free. If we choose not to serve and unite with God and use our freedom the wrong way, God thought true love through freedom was worth the risk of freedom used for evil.” C.S. Lewis



“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13



**2. Free
people
can still
control
others**





3. Free people are called to free people

- a. Move towards people when they are struggling
- b. Prioritise Connection over Agreement
- c. Realise its not your job to change anyone
- d. Use questions and options, not ultimatums and commands