

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.
Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

Stand Firm

You have been set free. I have broken the power of sin over your life. You are no longer a slave to sin. You are no longer living in bondage. Sin does not control your life. You are not living for sinful passions or carnal desires. You are living the life that I have called you to live. You are living a life that is pleasing to me.

Keep following me. Keep on running well. Don't let sin of any kind once again put a yoke of slavery on you. Be alert. Stand firm. Be on guard against anything and everything that might tempt you to sin against me. Don't ever allow yourself to think that living your life with and for me consists of following a set of rules and regulations and laws. That would be just one more yoke of slavery that would be a heavy burden on you.

I purchased your salvation. You did not earn or merit the new life that you have in me. Your forgiveness and cleansing came to you as a gift that I have given to you. You have received my gift. Continue to live in it. I am your Lord and Savior. You are my follower. Draw near to me and I will draw near to you. Live in my love. Follow and obey my commandments. Live your life with and for me.

Separate yourself from what is evil. Remove yourself from temptations and sins of every kind. You know where you should not go. You know what you should not do. Run away from evil and pursue me. Pursue the life that I have for you. Live for my purposes. Follow my plans. Let me use you for my kingdom. Let your life bring glory to my name. Bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom.

Rely on me. I will help you. I will change your heart. I will transform your mind. You will no longer desire your old life of sin. You will desire me and the life that I have for you. I will strengthen you. I will guard you. I will guide you. I will make you able to stand. I will strengthen you against every temptation and evil. You will live your life fully for me. Yes, Lord, I will stand firm with all the strength that you will give to me. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I know that I could never live a life that is pleasing to you by following a system of laws. Trying to do that would just be another type of entanglement in a yoke of slavery to sin. Help me to stand firm and live in all the freedom that you have secured for me. Amen

Freedom*Do Not Let*

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.

NIV

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Submit*

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

ESV

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Don't Get*

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

NLT

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Be*

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

NKJV

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Submit*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

NRSV

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Never Let Anyone*

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

MSG

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Be*

IN [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered *and* held ensnared *and* submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off].

AMP

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Don't Get*

So Christ has made us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get all tied up again in the chains of slavery to Jewish laws and ceremonies.

TLB

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Be*

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

NASB

Galatians 5:1

Freedom*Do Not Change*

We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law.

NCV

Galatians 5:1

Do Not Let

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Freedom – Galatians 5:1

In Context: *Read Galatians 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I know that I could never live a life that is pleasing to you by following a system of laws. Trying to do that would just be another type of entanglement in a yoke of slavery to sin. Help me to stand firm and live in all the freedom that you have secured for me. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has Jesus Christ set you free from the sins in which you were once entangled?

Why would you never be able to live a life that is pleasing to God by following a system of laws?

Why is your freedom and forgiveness in Christ far superior to trying to live according to a system of laws?

How are you being very careful to not let yourself be entangled again in any kind of yoke of slavery to sin?

What do you need to be especially on guard against so that you do not become entangled in sin?

How are you avoiding people, places, and circumstances that might cause you to become entangled in sin?

How has Jesus Christ changed your heart and transformed your mind to make you able to live a life of freedom in Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Take a firm stand and be on guard against allowing yourself to be entangled again in a yoke of slavery to sin.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that Jesus Christ has set you free so that you could live a life of freedom in Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how Jesus Christ has set you free from sinful entanglements.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you stand firm in the freedom that Jesus Christ has secured for you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will not let myself be entangled in sin again, instead I will stand firm in your freedom.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I stand firm in the freedom that you have secured for me?
