

*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

Stay right there, stand firm where you are right now. Where am I right now? **You have been set free. You are living in the freedom that I have secured for you. The power of sin has been broken over your life. You are no longer under the bondage of your old life. You are no longer in the grip of old addictions. Nothing has a hold over you any longer. You have a hold of me. Yes, I have a firm hold on you. I am your Savior and Lord. I am your God and Father. You are my child. You are under my protection. You can walk freely to where I lead you. You have the power to do what I ask of you. So, I will say it again, “Stand firm, in the freedom that I have secured for you”.**

How can I stand firm in the freedom that you have secured for me? How can I make sure that I will not let myself be burdened again by a yoke of slavery? **You will not go where you should not go. You will not do what you should not do.** How will this be sure and true? **You will draw near to me as I draw near to you. You will submit yourself to me, resist the devil and all his evil. Then he will flee from you. Don't think that you can resist the devil and all his evil with your own will and strength. If you try, you will surely fail. It is in your drawing near to me and submitting yourself to me that you will continue in the freedom and victory that I have secured for you.**

What has happened to you as you have continued to draw near to me? As I have continued to draw near to you, my love for you has grown stronger every day. Every day it is the desire of my heart to live my life with and for you. I hunger for you. I thirst for you. I want to know you. I want to know your will. I want to walk in your ways. In every way, I want to do what is pleasing to you, not because I should or must, but because I love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **What has happened to your desire for sin as you have continued to draw near to me?** Sin has lost its attraction. Sin has lost its appeal. I would much rather walk through life with you than live in sin. **That is very good. Keep on drawing near to me and you will never again submit yourself to a yoke of slavery to sin.**

Lord, I know you have set me free. You have made it so I can walk in your freedom. No longer will I live as a slave in bondage to sin. I will never allow myself to be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. I will live with you, in the fullness of life, you have given to me. Amen

Freedom *Set Us Free*

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NIV Galatians 5:1

Freedom *Set Us Free*

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 *Set Us Free*

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 *Made Us Free*

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 *Set Us Free*

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 *Set Us Free*

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 *Made Us Free*

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 *Made Us Free*

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.

NLT Galatians 5:1

Freedom *Set Us Free*

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 *Made Us Free*

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

Set Us Free

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 you have set me free. You have made it so I can walk in your freedom. No longer will I live as a slave in bondage to sin. I will never allow myself to be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. I will live with you, in the fullness of life, you have given to me. Amen

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

How has the Lord set you free from the power of sin over your life?

How has the Lord set you free from addictions and bondages in which you once lived?

Why must you always be on guard against being drawn back into a yoke of slavery?

What steps are you taking so that you will stand firm against sin and evil in the world?

When has drawing near to God and resisting the devil caused him to flee from you?

Why will you never again submit yourself to a yoke of slavery to sin if you keep on drawing near to God?

How has your new life in Christ made you dead to sin that at one time ruled over your life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Stand firm against sin and darkness in the world by drawing near to God and resisting the devil and all his evil?

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that Jesus Christ has set you free so that you can live and walk in His freedom.

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 to live in His freedom.

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 stand in the freedom that you have secured for me.

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?
