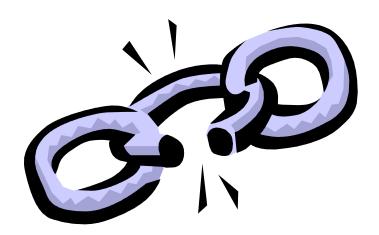
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"The Freedom Series" is a group of teachings taught in consecutive order. Although you may read one out of order, and that is alright, it is better if you then get your hands on issue #1 and use the order. They are strategically selected to lead a person into a strong relationship with Jesus Christ, step by step, and then certain revelations are shared as keys to open new ways of thinking. "The Freedom Series" is compatible with 12 -step programs which heartily recommend that an addicted individual be in touch with a "higher power." This series of writings, however, is based solely on Christian doctrine and Biblical based teachings which put forth Jesus Christ as the higher power.

Special Note: Stay locked in with your recovery program - The Freedom Series is designed to work along with it, and not to replace it. If you are not yet in recovery, this writing can help you immensely, but we still recommend some sort of program, whether you attend one from your home on a weekly basis or in a facility or program set up for addictions. "The Freedom Series" is like attending a special church designed for addicts, with a special anointing and specialty for you, focusing on your spirit.

(Unless otherwise indicated, all Bible passages are taken from the New King James version.)

Preface

I believe, and the Word of God bears this out, that God's heart is immeasurably huge for people who are suffering and don't know Him. We have seen for so many years how many people there are that are locked in and bound up in various addictions and bondages and seem helpless to get free. However, God cares and is reaching out through His people to help anyone who will incline their ear to learn of His magnificent love and to come to know, and receive His complete redemption and all it provides. Throughout the world, God is making the crooked places in people's lives straight. He is planting them firmly on solid ground and redeeming their lives from destruction - destruction of all kinds. He is taking the hopeless and forlorn and giving them a new and wonderful life, delivering them from their addictions and bondages and pouring out on them His love and His blessing. In this series, you will learn how you don't have to stay in the place of addiction and destruction that has been your life. God wants you free. You will hear the truth of Who God really is and begin to learn of His good plans for your life. You will learn what He says about you and begin to believe that there is so much more for your life. It doesn't matter what you've done, or what you haven't done. Nothing can make Him love you more and nothing can make Him love you less. He simply loves you! This series is designed to not only help you to see how much, but to receive His freedom which He longs to give you. This series is life changing for anyone who will give themselves to God's heart revealed in it.

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Addictions Helped!

People are walking away from addictions every day, all over the world. This is mostly happening by agreeing to work with the greatest Counselor who ever lived. Wouldn't you like that too? His name is Jesus and the Bible says in Isaiah 9: verse 6b:

"...And His name will be called Wonderful, <u>Counselor</u>, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This writing is about allowing Him to be your main Counselor. He knows His business. He will show you a way of success that will not fail.

Humanity is plagued by bondages of all kinds, and it is part of the fallen human nature to develop addictions. There is an answer to serious addictions, and God has that answer. In my travels and my ministry, I have seen many people freed from addiction, some of the most serious kinds. It is not done with great effort or straining, and there is not some special secret one must travel to the high mountains of Tibet to get from a special holy man. It is actually quite easy to get free from addictions once you are set on the right track or path of life. There is no huge expense, the answer is quite free. The solution is spiritual and we are not saying to not use helpful recovery or treatment programs, we are just saying if you deny the spiritual part, you can be destined to failure in recovery. By all means you need to get around people who have beat the addiction, and also receive support of peers in the same fight as you. However, to fight addiction, since the problem has become a part of you, the solution is delicate, and you need to avail yourself of every possible help there is to beat it.

Deep addiction is very spiritual, and the Bible teaches the basis of it to be a strong spiritual attack on a human being from the depths of Hell. You can only fight a spiritual enemy with a spiritual weapon. There has been a long term debate as to whether addiction is a sickness or merely a mental and spiritual condition. In The "Freedom Series" we do not intend to debate this or explain this. We do not deny it as a sickness. We simply approach it from the viewpoint that it is that and more. If you reduce a serious addiction to only a sickness, you are choosing a two dimensional solution for a three dimensional problem. If you say alcoholism is only a sickness, then you go

down a road which says all other addictions, whether they be sexual or substance or food or nicotine or bulimia are also only sicknesses. It is true, that substances can put your body in a "dependent" altered state and a state of circumstances whereby medication is needed and healing must take place. However, to say this all started through a *sickness* is to skirt the real truth. That truth is that most all addictions began with irresponsible use of items that were dangerous and addicting. Addictions are also sin that is out of control. Lastly, addictions are often based on one having a wounded heart and soul, probably going back to childhood.

To say you must receive Christ and all will be fine is an over-simplification and not totally accurate. In Biblical days, once people came to Christ, they still had to be disciples under a mentor who taught them the ways of Christ and the process took a few years. It still does today. Some people receive Christ and then wonder why they remain in sin and addiction. There is a clear Biblical and scriptural explanation for this and it will be shared as we go.

Jesus as Deliverer from Addictions!

Most of us know the story of Moses and Egypt. But many do not know that God set up that whole scenario quite ingeniously to show us a future truth. People were born, circumstances were set up, and destinies were designed and formed. The Israelites were in bondage, and God sent a deliverer into Egypt to release them. Each character of the story had a future counterpart. But it was not just a story, it was a historical event. God sent Moses to get the people away from Pharaoh. This all symbolizes the calling and mission of Christ. Moses was like Christ, and Pharaoh was like Satan. Egypt was like the Earth, and the Promised Land was like the Kingdom of God

At our new birth, when we are saved, we are transferred out of Satan's Kingdom, and brought into the freedom of God's Kingdom. We leave the Egypt of our lives and wander for awhile on our way to the blessing of God. God has a land for us, but its way is blocked and filled with the memory of our sins, and some left over practices like addictions still hanging around. When God's people got to the Promised Land, it was inhabited by giants, the land was occupied. God told the people to march around the walls 7 times, and the walls fell effortlessly. The people simply went in and took the land, and slew the inhabitants. Your addiction is an illegal inhabitant inside you that is blocking your Promised Land, or blessings.

God wants to effortlessly clear your land, and Jesus is your Moses and more. He freed you, and He will help you! Jesus is also God, and He will make your walls fall down. You will be free!

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36

People today underestimate who Jesus Christ really is. He was not just a prophet or just a good man. He is God, and the 2nd Person of the Holy Trinity. He is Lord over Heaven and Earth. Jesus as God has another unique quality about Him. He is also a man. He is a God and a man.

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5

God makes it clear here in this passage that Jesus is a man now, today. The key is that a representative of God came to Earth, but now in a reciprocal exchange, a representative of man returned to Heaven. He is there to represent and mediate for you and me. He is one of us, and one of the Godhead, both in one being. Outstanding! He went the way of God in life, then He went to the grave, and then He went to Heaven. We follow Him on this laid out course.

He will eternally be both God and man, and eternally He will have scars on His hands and feet and a spear scar in His side. He is dazzlingly brilliant, as scripture states, and He is Omnipotent. Every breath you breathe is made available by Jesus, and every food or crop produced on earth, every life of plant or animal is kept going by Christ. When God spoke to Abraham in Genesis 12. He said to him in verse 3 that in Abraham all of the families of the Earth would be blessed. But this was because of Abraham's great descendant, Jesus. This was a restating of the same promise made to Adam and Eve about Christ right after the fall of man. Because Christ would be born into the Earth, and live a life as a man, and be crucified and die, and rise again, this would allow the Earth to remain, and it would not have to be destroyed, and the ground would yield up its crops, and the air would stay sound, and the planets would orbit properly, and asteroids would stay away, and Sun spots would not flare up too hot, and global warming would not cook everyone, and the tides would know their limits, and these and many other benefits would remain because of Christ. The being of Christ would literally sustain all life until the end, and sin would be unable to cause our early destruction. It says in Hebrews that all things are upheld by the Word of Jesus' power. (Hebrews 1:3) The "all things" leaves nothing out. Everything I just listed and more is upheld by Christ.

People mock Jesus, they put Him in comedy shows and skits with great irreverence, and they suppose they know who He is and what He is, but do they ever underestimate Him! But He is pure love. He loves us all. The promise to Abraham says all families would be blessed. It didn't say they would all go to Heaven, but they would receive natural blessings since He would uphold all things on Earth until the end. Even those that mock Him do it with the breath He just gave them. Even the last book of the Old Testament and the last sentence says if not for Christ, God would strike the

earth with even a bigger curse than it already has. (Malachi 4:6)

In addition to all of that, Jesus wove Himself into God's Word at Creation, so He has a Word form also, and the words in our Bible are full of His life and we can literally build His own self into our human spirits in an intimate way by reading, speaking and using His Word. That brings us to this Biblical account.

The Rock of Revelation!

Jesus took His disciples to an out of the way place to rest. This story is found in Matthew 16:13-19. He asked His disciples who men were saying He was. No one had yet been told He was God's Son, not even the disciples. This is evidenced in His question: "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man am?" The disciples guessed John the Baptist, they guessed Elijah, they guessed Jeremiah, and they were wrong. Jesus then asked them: "who do you say that I am?" Peter blurted it out, and pleased Jesus. Peter said: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said back to Peter: "Blessed are you Simon bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven. And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Peter had received supernatural revelation from God the Father through the Holy Spirit. Jesus was pleased that someone else was listening to the Holy Spirit. No human (flesh and blood) had revealed it. Now watch this. He changed Peter's name. He called Him a rock. That is what the name "Peter" means. Then He said on this rock I will build My church. But he did not mean Peter himself. Some zealous believers thought he meant Peter and made him the first Pope. People still think that Peter has had the church built on him. Peter is just a fallible follower of Jesus. Peter got his name changed because he received a rock of revelation. If we understand that Peter was not the rock Jesus meant to build the church on, and Peter's revelation was, then we can understand that Jesus said that the continued receiving of revelation would create strong believers who could withstand the gates of hell. This is proven out in Matthew 7:24, when Jesus said that a man who builds his house using the rock as foundation is building using Jesus' Words or revelations as foundations.

To those with addictions: your tool given by God is what Peter got, a rock of revelation, and these must explode in your heart. When they do, the gates of hell that Satan has thrown at you in the way of your addiction will not prevail against you! When the Word of God enters your heart, it explodes Divine energy in you and forms Christ and Christ-like-ness in you.

Enter Divine Revelations!

The Bible teaches that a revelation is simply a special understanding which is supernaturally obtained with the help of God's Holy Spirit. Revelations must be taught, but they must also be caught.

"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint;" Proverbs 29:18a

Have you cast off all restraint in your life? Isn't the flagrant addiction a casting off of restraint? Is it now hard to get back restraint? Get some scriptural revelations of the Kingdom of God, and you will get your strength back.

"He who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city." (Paraphrase of Proverbs 16:32)

If you receive a revelation of Who God is, and who you are in Him, those revelations alone will launch you into the start of a new life.

I said already that removing an addiction is not hard or stressful with Jesus. Many simply suddenly lose their alcohol thirst or drug or cigarette cravings. The reason for this is because it takes place as effortlessly as when one first receives Christ. In fact, some are freed from addiction at the same time they receive Christ. Others go through a longer process. Each person is different, and often, only God knows the reasons. When Jesus removes an addiction, it is quite supernatural. It falls as easily as the walls of Jericho, without human effort. God gives the grace to do the thing, and that grace is more powerful than an atomic bomb. It is backed up by God. In my opinion, the difference in people and how soon they are set free is directly tied to their submission and yielded ness to God. Anything done for us by God in a supernatural manner is always done effortlessly on our part. If we are working up a sweat, then we are not in faith or the correct mindset. The book of Hebrews creates this picture:

"There remains a rest for the people of God." Hebrews 9:9 Jesus told us that His way was easy:

"Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

I know some will challenge me about saying this is easy. Many do not understand, and feel I am white washing the issue, and then they become offended at this message. Let me ask you: how has it worked for you so far? How may times have you tried to quit? If you are a counselor, how many of your subjects are on a revolving door with you? I would ask you to withhold judgment here until you have read all of the issues in The Freedom Series. Jesus said:

"And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." Luke 7:23

Some ministers and recovery counselors might say: "It takes more work than you can imagine to finally over-come a serious alcohol or drug addiction!" Let me respond to that by sharing that they are right, and so is the above teaching about the process being effortless. How can both opposite statements be true? Which part is correct is based on whether the addicted person is fighting the battle with their own mind and will or whether they actually have yielded over to God to allow the Holy Spirit of God to fight the battle. The Holy Spirit works through the Divine revelation in a person's heart and brings the power of God and all the power of Heaven to the table. In the mean time, when a person is fighting an addiction on their own, through their own strength, the failure probability and the delay of success is enormous. I see it as a gradual growth in God to overcome. Therefore, the longer one struggles with their own flesh, the longer it takes. Conversely, the quicker they yield to the working of God, the faster the answer and success comes.

God brings revelation and understanding in the following manner:

"...precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little there a little." Isaiah 28:10b

It is like laying in bricks or stones. First a foundation is built, then the walls, and then there is a strong shelter of revelation of God's Word in one's heart. When the first precepts are learned, the person might operate in a large amount of their own power, and a small amount of God's power. This is their choice, our will is involved. God and His Word are one, and God is strong with no addiction problems of His own. God can break all addictions in people very exactingly. But He needs to be allowed to do it. As line upon line of revelation grows, so does faith, for faith comes by hearing the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) The faith, revelation, and understanding in a person grows sometimes 30 times, sometimes 60 times and often 100 times the original seed of the Word that was planted in the person's heart.

"But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the Word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred." Mark 4:20

Each precept that the person can receive is laid into the heart, giving understanding and light in the soul until the power of God is higher, overtaking the mind battle, until the person can finally yield over to God and allow Him full sway in their life. When you allow God more sway in your soul, and you operate less in your own power, that would no doubt be the explosion of success you are seeking. This is easier to do than you think. God is faithful to bring a person to this place of victory. Trust Him. This can take time, and the time here involved might see a person fall a few times, and seemingly fail, but let patience have its work, and perseverance because a miracle is in the making. If you fall, God does not condemn you. Get back up. If you have contact with me, do not be afraid to look me in the eye if you fail, for God knows our frames and they are at best weak. I see you as an eventual winner if you will not give up on God. The process is truly effortless when you yield more and more to God. This could be gradual over months or it could be done in just days. When you let God do it, it is effortless. I will boldly state that 100% of the people who approach this process in humility with God can succeed.

Let me point out that yielded-ness to God is a passive and humble posture that only God can help you achieve. This process also takes Divine revelation from God. I wish to make it clear that this is not performance based or a works oriented action that brings some supposed reward. Furthermore, there is no formula that you can exactly follow to yield to God. I urge you to

simply trust God and His goodness and His faithfulness to work everything together for your good. God is in the deliverance business and He knows exactly what He is doing. All you need to do is to seek Him, get to know Him, be hungry for Him, and study and seek Divine revelation for your situation and for the removal of your addiction. God has placed the omnipotent power of His Holy Spirit in His Holy Word.

King David had a revelation of the power in God's Word:

"Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119:11

God loved David, and David was a victorious man of God, and you must do the same. Hide the Word of God in your heart. Note the result of laying up the Word in your heart is to be able to not sin and to be able to overcome sin.

Our soul or mind must gradually change from self-sufficiency to a God-sufficiency. God and His grace are sufficient for you. With His grace and power flowing through you, the deliverance from addiction is quite effortless.

If this has given you hope, that is wonderful, the hope will lead to new faith in your heart.

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast..." Hebrews 6:19a

God's revelation that He gives you builds hope, and as time goes on, you can quickly feel an anchor of His Divine strength inside you that is pulling you along with ease, onward to victory. We were never meant to take on Satan with our minds and our own personal will - that is a formula for sure defeat. Those that will tell you the battle is great and huge and full of stress are stuck in the rut of self deliverance and are not tapping into God at all. Jesus is your all in all in the battle. The battle is His.

In a future segment of the Freedom Series, I will show you how the Apostle Paul defeated sin and what He taught by the inspiration of God to help you win your battle.

Demons Flee at Revelation!

It may only take a few revelations for some to be delivered of an addiction. Others may need more. Rest assured they will come. No one needs to cast an evil spirit out of you, you simply just need to receive Divine revelation. Satan and his demons flee at Divine revelation being received by believers in Christ. This is because the light is switched on and light dispels darkness, and evil!

A few revelations have been shared in this writing. Maybe this writing has you feeling different than you have ever felt before. Maybe hope is stirring in you. Good. Divine revelations are often disguised in and as mysteries of God. Once you receive Christ and are born again, God's mysteries begin to become clear to you. Unbelievers cannot know God's mysteries.

"He answered and said to them, because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." Matthew 13:11

Let me ask you a question: if you received Christ in the past, how easy was that to do? When he saved you, did He make you jump some hoops, or recite 100 passages, or not sin for a week first? No, he gave you His free salvation and it was effortless. His deliverance to you will be no different. It is free and it is effortless. But you will have to do this one thing: STUDY! You see, that is how you will be positioned to catch a revelation. It is to be a student of Christ. If you set your heart to study God's Word, it will be life changing, and your answer to addiction will be effortless. The only effort I want from you is to study. Receiving revelations is quite fun, I do it all the time. In fact, there is a high and a buzz better than any substance can give you in finding out the truths, the mysteries, and the revelations, and you can have it whenever you want, and it actually improves your health instead of robbing it. In speaking of His Word, God said:

"...for they (my Words) are life to those who find them

And health to all their flesh." Proverbs 4:22

Many whom God has delivered have testified of renewed brain cells and better mental clarity when they felt they had permanent damage before.

God is a restoring God. Do you think He could have created you and then not know how to fix you later? He does that all the time. Some alcoholics have reportedly had their livers and other organs healed by God. God's Word is health to all your flesh! (Proverbs 4:22) Can you believe that He loves you enough to just mean that literally? I do. Can you put down cynicism long enough to come to Him in childlike faith to let Him help you?

Be a student of God's Word. Find a good teacher and lock on with them.

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the Food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal upon Him." John 6:27

This means you need to labor for the Word of God. Then, the miracles flow into you effortlessly. Is this hard for you to believe? Has anyone ever told you this before? Maybe that is why you are still in that addiction.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Read the verse again. The "needeth not to be ashamed" part, that is your deliverance, you will not fail, God will see to it. Be hungry for God, and let Him be a Father to you. Your addictions are on their way out and you are on your way to an exciting new life in Christ, and you hold the key: will you allow His help? You need to stop worrying about what others think, and go all out for God. The day you die, no friend but Jesus Christ will be there for you, not in the way you need anyway. But Christ will take you to the Father that day, if you can be courageous and accept Him now! Don't wait. He can still restore your life, it is never too late.

Studying this material will heighten your ability to catch revelations shared later. Your job now is to obtain each written segment, and study it. Get a Bible and look up each passage we give you to check us out. We urge you to do it. Read this segment at least 3-4 times, or more. Pray over it. Dare to dream that God has a better life for you. Let the revelations transform you! If you never received Christ, ask Him to save you. Pray and ask Him to

forgive your past, and set you on the right path of life.

God loves you! And, we are praying for you! Watch for our issue # 2 of "The Freedom Series."

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If you have never received Jesus as Lord, pray the prayer on the next page. Your life will never be the same again!

PRAYER TO RECEIVE CHRIST

If you have never had a true relationship with Jesus Christ... if you have never asked Him into your heart, now is the time to do it.

Don't wait any longer.

Pray the following prayer and believe that He loves you know matter what you have or what you haven't done in your life. He died for YOU!

Pray this and begin your new journey with Christ Jesus! You won't be sorry,

I promise!

Oh Lord, I confess that I am a sinner and that I need You in my life. I believe that You died for me and have redeemed me once and for all, so long ago on the cross, from all of my sins, past, present and future. Come into my heart and make me a new person. Change me and make me who You want me to be. Make me the person that You saw before I was even born. I give you all of my life; I give you my past, my present, and my future. I believe that the plans that You have for me are for good and I, from this day forward and with Your help choose to seek You with all of my heart and to walk out the rest of my life with You. I love you, Lord Jesus.

Thank you for saving me!

If you prayed this prayer, *today* you are saved. You are a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, and your life is beginning anew. This is your spiritual birthday!

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