# GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM OURSELVES

## STANDING UNITED IN PRAYER

*Easter Worship Celebration*



*"If you grasp and cling to life on your terms, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on God's terms."*

**Luke 17:33 (MSG)**

Welcome to our ***United in Prayer Easter Worship Celebration***!

May our Lord fill you with His freedom and abundant life as you surrender all to Him.

This companion guide is a gift for you—journey with us as we discover the profound truth that **God has truly set us free from ourselves**.

**Join us online from April 14–17, 2025** as we stand together in worship, celebrating the freedom we find in Christ alone.

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# Freedom from Bondage

*It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.*

**Galatians 2:20 (AMP)**

## Jesus is life, and in Him is life in abundance.

Through Christ's sacrifice, God frees us from ourselves, calling us to live in the fullness of His grace, so that it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

# Introduction

We are all like **clay pots** (*2 Corinthians 4:5–10*)—fragile, yet striving to hold ourselves together as we navigate life. We chase success, hoping to build something meaningful, only to realise that life is far more complex than we imagined. Over time, cracks begin to form in our carefully crafted exteriors. We try to hide them, patching them up as best we can.

Yet, as Leonard Cohen so beautifully reminds us:
"***There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.***"

But what if these **cracks** are not flaws to be concealed, but **openings through which God's light can shine**? What if, instead of clinging to our self-made identities and illusions of control, we surrender them to our loving Father?

**Jesus** came to **set the captives free** and **release the oppressed** (*Luke 4:18–19*). But what truly holds us captive? What keeps us weighed down? Too often, **we are the ones holding ourselves captive, burdened by our own** past mistakes, fears, unrealistic expectations and the need for control.

Jesus tells us in **Luke 17:33**,
*"If you grasp and cling to life on your terms, you'll lose it, but if you let that life go, you'll get life on God's terms."*

To **follow Him**, we must **die to ourselves**—letting go of self-centred ambitions and allowing God to transform us completely. Only then can we, like Paul, declare:

"***It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me***" (*Galatians 2:20*).

Dying to ourselves means **loosening our grip on structure**, **certainty, security** and the **familiar**. It calls us to embrace the unknown, to trust even when we do not understand, and to walk by **faith rather than sight**.

Yet, surrender is not easy. The process of **letting go** can **feel like** being broken apart, as if **our clay pots** are **shattering beyond repair**.

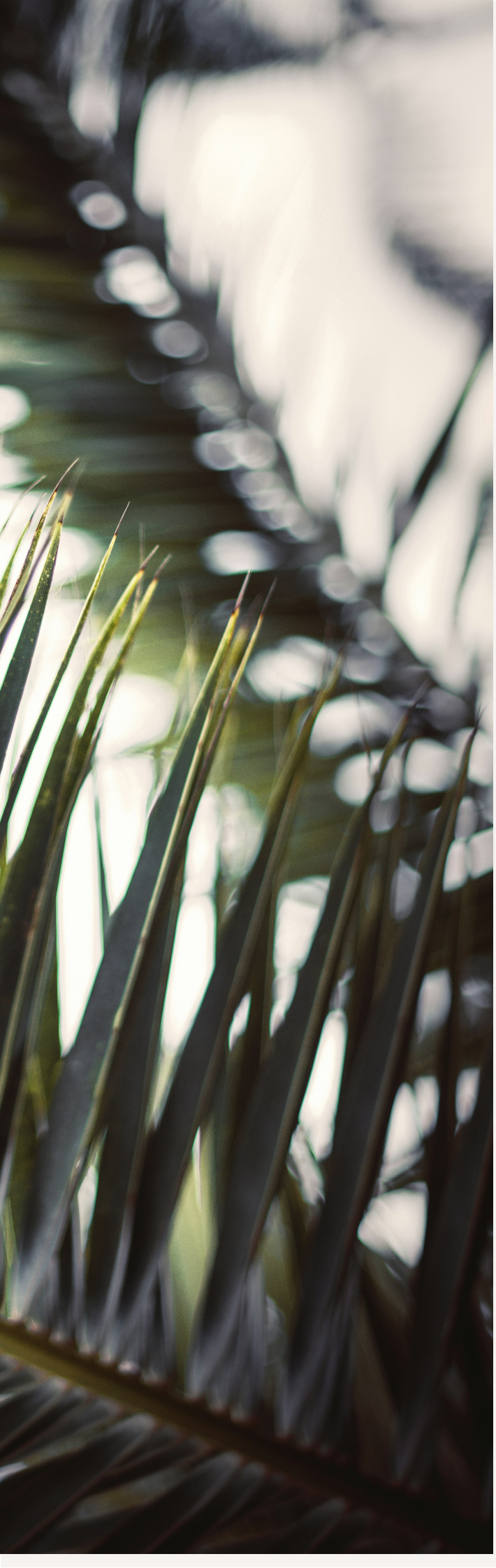
But this breaking is **not destruction**—it is **refinement**.

When we surrender to God, He does not leave us in pieces; instead, He reveals the **treasure within us**—the life of Christ shining through our cracks and imperfections.

The breaking of our clay pots is not the end—it is the beginning.

It is through our brokenness that the **treasure of Jesus Christ** is revealed, and we come to see that **true freedom is found in Him alone**.

When we encounter this truth through Jesus, we radiate **peace**, **quiet confidence** and **deep, unshakable contentment**—because we no longer live for ourselves, but for **Christ who lives in us**.



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# Daily Devotionals

# Day 1

## GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM OUR PAST MISTAKES

***Walk in His Forgiveness***

### READ

**1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

### REFLECTION

Guilt and shame over past mistakes can weigh us down, making us feel unworthy of God's grace. We replay our failures, believing they define us, but God offers redemption and new beginnings. Yet, one of the hardest things to do is **forgive ourselves**—we hold on to what God has already released. True freedom comes when we **accept His forgiveness, extend** that same grace **to ourselves**, and **step into the new life** He has prepared for us. When we trust in His mercy, we can **move forward without the chains of regret**, knowing we are fully loved and restored.

### DAILY RHYTHM

If guilt over past mistakes still lingers, bring it before God in prayer. **Confess them honestly**, holding onto the promise of **1 John 1:9**, and choose to believe in His forgiveness. Take a practical step today—whether it's seeking reconciliation, letting go of shame, or embracing the new path God has set before you. **Learn to walk in His freedom**.



# Notes

# Day 2

## GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM OUR FEARS

***Replace Fear with Faith***

### READ

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

### REFLECTION

Fear keeps us captive by making us believe that the unknown is unsafe and that we must take matters into our own hands. Whether it's fear of failure, rejection, or the future, it can paralyse us and keep us from trusting in God's plan. Yet, Scripture reminds us that **God has given us a sound mind**—one grounded in God's truth, enabling us to think clearly, make wise choices, and resist the lies of fear. A sound mind is at peace, anchored in faith rather than driven by anxiety. When we **shift our focus from fear to faith**, we find freedom in knowing that God is our protector and provider, guiding our steps with love and wisdom.

### DAILY RHYTHM

Whenever fear creeps in, replace it with a promise from Scripture. Write down **2 Timothy 1:7** and speak it over your heart whenever anxiety arises. Ask God for the courage to **step forward in faith**, knowing that He goes before you and holds your future securely in His hands.



# Notes

# Day 3

## GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM OUR OWN EXPECTATIONS

***Find Freedom in His Grace***

### READ

**Mark 1:11 (AMP)**

*"You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased and delighted!"*

### REFLECTION

We often **imprison ourselves with unrealistic expectations**—whether from society, others, or even ourselves. We weigh ourselves down with the need to prove our worth and meet impossible standards. The pressure to meet these demands can leave us feeling exhausted and unworthy. Yet, **God never placed these burdens upon us**. **True freedom** comes when we **surrender** our need for approval to God and embrace the truth that **our worth is found in Him alone**. So, let us release the burdens we were never meant to carry and **walk in** the **grace** and **acceptance** God freely gives.

### DAILY RHYTHM

Take time to reflect on the **expectations** you've placed on yourself. Are they **aligned with God's truth** or **driven by worldly pressures**? **Surrender** them in prayer, asking God to help you **rest in His grace** rather than striving for approval. Trust that He has already declared you **worthy in Christ**.



# Notes

# Day 4

## GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM OUR NEED FOR CONTROL

***Trust in God's Plan***

### READ

**Proverbs 3:5 (AMP)**

*Trust in and rely confidently on the*
*Lord with all your heart*
*And do not rely on your own insight*
*or understanding.*

### REFLECTION

Trying to control every outcome leads to frustration, anxiety and disappointment when things don't go as planned. It's difficult to surrender control because it requires us to **let go of our own understanding** and **trust in what we cannot see**. We fear the unknown, worrying that things won't unfold as we hoped. Yet, **we were never meant to carry the weight of the world** on our shoulders—God calls us to **trust Him instead**. When we **surrender control to God**, we find **peace** in **His perfect timing** and **greater purpose**, knowing that He sees the **bigger picture** and is working all things together for our good.

### DAILY RHYTHM

Identify one area where you are trying to control the outcome. Pray and intentionally release it to God, **trusting His wisdom over your own**. Keep a journal of how He provides and guides, reminding yourself that **His plans are always greater**.



# Notes

# Living in True Freedom

**True freedom** is not the absence of struggle but the **presence of Christ** in every part of our lives. As we **surrende**r our past mistakes, fears, expectations, and need for control, we discover that **God has already set us free**. His **grace** covers our failures, His **love** overcomes our fears, and His truth redefines our worth. When we release what holds us captive, we no longer live for ourselves but for **Christ Who lives in us**.

May we, therefore, walk daily in the **fullness of His freedom**, trusting in His **perfect plan** and embracing the **abundant life** He has prepared for us.

*"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."*
**John 10:10 (AMP)**



# Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the **freedom we have in Christ**. Help us to lay down our burdens—our past, our fears, our expectations and our need for control—so that we may walk in the **fullness of Your grace**. Teach us to **trust in Your perfect plan**, resting in the truth that You are always working for our good. May our lives reflect **Your love** and **light**, drawing others into the **freedom found in You alone**. Amen.

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