

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

Let Freedom Ring

Read Acts 22:21-24 NLT

Context: Paul went to Jerusalem and was able to speak in the temple. The Jews were so happy that he was speaking to them in their own language. They fell silent to listen to what he had to say. But the crowd turned on Paul the moment he told them that God said they wouldn't listen to Paul and Paul should go to the Gentiles. The irony of the situation was that in their anger they were making true exactly what God had told Paul.

Reflection Question: How do you listen to someone who has an idea or opinion that differs from yours? Does what they say change the truth of what you believe? How can you hear people when they say things that you may not want to hear, but that you need to hear?

Read Acts 22:25-29 NLT, Romans 1:16 NIV, Philippians 3:20 NLT

Context: Paul was proud to be a Roman citizen. And he took full advantage of all of the benefits that citizenship provided. The soldiers who were going to interrogate Paul were frightened to find out that he was a Roman by birth because they were abusing him without a trial and there were consequences for treating a Roman citizen that way. But this was a fear of what man could do to them. Paul was also a citizen of heaven and he knew that there was a much higher power watching over him.

Reflection Question: When has being a citizen of your country benefited you? How has being a citizen of heaven benefited you? Which power backing you is more significant? Why?

Read Genesis 50:20 ERV, Matthew 4:10-11 NKJV

Context: God's plan for our lives is not accidental. When we allow Him to work His will, His way, in His timing we get to reap the benefits of our freedom in Him. We have the power to move the spiritual forces in the air with our obedience to Him. In Him, nothing can stand against us.

Reflection Question: How many times have you asked God, “why” when He won’t give you what you want when you want it? Have you ever realized later that giving you what you wanted would have been bad for you? How did you respond to God for this protection?

Read Acts 19:13-16 NLT, James 1:22, 2:19 NIV, Matthew 8:28-32 NLT

Context: Everyone knows of God, whether they admit it or not. Even the devil and the demons know of God. But not all are His children. We cannot expect to live the lives that have the power to defeat spiritual enemies when we live like everyone else lives. We have to have our hearts set apart. We have to make Christ the cornerstone of our lives and ask Him to change us from the inside out. Only then will we be able to stand before the attacks in our lives and be victorious.

Reflection Question: What are you trying to conquer in your life right now? What might be standing in the way of you having victory in the Spirit in this area? How can you release your desire for control to God so He can do things His way?

Read Colossians 2:13-15 NLT, Luke 10:17-21 NLT

Context: We have no power outside of Christ’s work in us. The power He gives us makes us more than conquerors. We are citizens of heaven. We can have victory in this life to bring glory and honor to His Name. He did the work for us to be a part of His family and we have the freedom to take hold of all the benefits of our names being registered in heaven!

Reflection Question: How have you been taking your heavenly freedom for granted recently? What can you do this week to show God that you recognize what a privilege it is to be a citizen of heaven? Ask God to help you to understand the authority you have in His Name for His glory.

End in prayer.