

FREEDOM TO BE IN CONTROL

Created to reign

- Genesis 1: 26-28 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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- Proverbs 16: 32 *He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.*



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- Romans 8: 15 – 17: 15For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



Power and Authority

- 2 Timothy 1: 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

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- Galatians 5: 22-25 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.



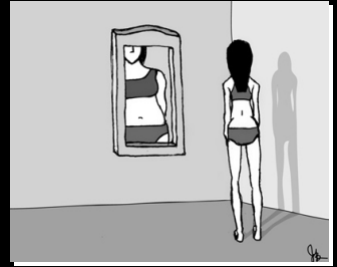
Chains that Bind



Identity



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Fantasy



Do you seek Him to sustain
you above all else?

Drugs



- **1 Peter 5: 7-9a**, Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. **8**Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9**Resist him, standing firm in the faith,...

Stress



Walking in Freedom

John 5: 6-9 **6**When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" **7**"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." **8**Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." **9**At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

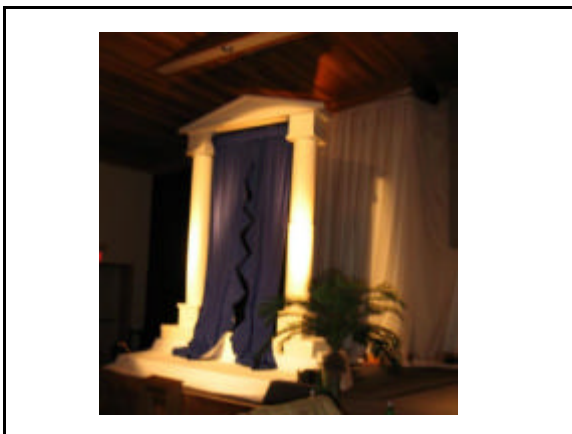
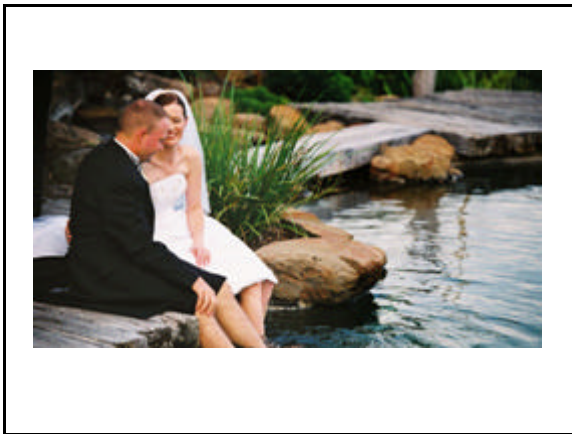


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- **Mark 8: 34-38** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **35**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. **36**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? **37**Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **38**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."



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