

LIVING FREE: Living in Brokenness & Vulnerability

John 8:32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

1. Understanding “Weakness”

Genesis 3:8 Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden.

Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Genesis 3:15 He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Gen 3:16-19 Then he said to the woman, “You will bear children with intense pain and suffering. And though your desire will be for your husband, he will be your master.” And to Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit I told you not to eat, I have placed a curse on the ground. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. All your life you will sweat to produce food, until your dying day. Then you will return to the ground from which you came. For you were made from dust, and to the dust you will return.”

2. Recognizing our need for a Savior

Galatians 3:21-25 But the Scriptures have declared that we are all prisoners of sin, so the only way to receive God’s promise is to believe in Jesus Christ. Until faith in Christ was shown to us as the way of becoming right with God, we were guarded by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until we could put our faith in the coming Savior. Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God. But now that faith in Christ has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

“FLEE”

“FIGHT”

“HIDE”

3. Paul’s Spiritual Authority & Weakness

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. Since I know it is all for Christ’s good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Proud & Defensive or Broken & Vulnerable? (see worksheet)

4. Accepting Your Gift of a Handicap

2 Corinthians 12:10 For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Luke 15:11-32 Prodigal son

Are you walking as a “cracked pot”?

God has always used cracked pots, to “show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (2 Corinthians 4:7)

A Prayer