

If they've escaped from the slum of sin by experiencing our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ, and then slid back into that same old life again, they're worse than if they had never left.

— 2 Peter 2:20 MSG

They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit."

And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

— 2 Peter 2:22 NLT

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**PRACTICAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO APPLY WHAT YOU'VE
HEARD TODAY TO MAKE LIFE BETTER & YOU BETTER AT LIFE**

THE CHALLENGE

**RECOGNIZE & _____ THE _____
PROMISES OF FREEDOM**

1. *Become aware of the false promises of freedom that actually lead to slavery.*
2. *Receive the gift of self-control as you daily surrender to Jesus.*
3. *Experience freedom from destructive desires and the freedom to live the life for which God has called you!*

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." — John 10:10 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

1. **What are some examples of things from which people want to be freed?**
2. **Review 2 Peter 2:19. Where have you seen the truths of that Scripture demonstrated?**
3. **Which of the false promises highlighted in today's message do you recognize and need to reject personally?**

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2ND PETER

**GROW IN THE GRACE & KNOWLEDGE OF OUR
LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

— 2 PETER 3:18 NLT

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influence in my life?”**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

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**TODAY'S MESSAGE
FREEDOM**

TODAY: FREEDOM • 2 PETER 2:10B-22

THE BOTTOM LINE

**_____ REPACKAGED AS
FREEDOM IS STILL _____**

They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. — 2 Peter 2:19 NLT

DEAD-END LIFE OR FREE INDEED? YOU CHOOSE!

"I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

— John 8:34-36 NIV/MSG

THE STORY SO FAR: 2 PETER

PETER THE APOSTLE & PASTOR

Therefore, I urge elders among you, as your fellow elder...
shepherd the flock of God among you...

— 1 Peter 5:1a, 2a NASB

Shepherds care for, lead, and protect their flock. 🐑

THE PROBLEM HE'S DEALING WITH:
CORRUPTION FROM _____ WITHIN

...there will be false teachers among you...Many will follow their
evil teaching and shameful immorality. – 2 Peter 2:1,2 NLT

THE CORE APPLICATION HE'S MAKING:

These are the promises that enable you to share his divine
nature...So don't lose a minute in building on what
you've been given, – 2 Peter 1:4-5 NLT/MSG

THE KEY TRUTH HE'S EMPHASIZING:
THERE IS _____

THAT'S THE TESTIMONY OF _____

Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in
the message proclaimed by the prophets. – 2 Peter 1:19 NLT

IT'S PERFECTLY IN LINE WITH GOD'S

So God knows how to rescue the godly from evil trials. And he
knows how to hold the feet of the wicked to the fire
until Judgment Day. – 2 Peter 2:9 MSG

THE FALSE TEACHERS'
EVIL ACTIONS _____ *IT.*

This is the point of the section of the letter we're looking at today. 🎯

SIN REPACKAGED AS FREEDOM IS STILL SLAVERY

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for
living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to
know him... – 2 Peter 1:3 NLT

These are the promises that enable you to share his divine
nature and escape the world's corruption caused by evil desires.
– 2 Peter 1:4b NLT/NIV

TRUE FREEDOM IS _____
NOT _____

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it
willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but
because you are eager to serve God. – 1 Peter 5:2 NLT

These people are proud and arrogant, daring even to scoff at
supernatural beings without so much as trembling.

– 2 Peter 2:10b NLT

For God did not spare even the angels who sinned.

– 2 Peter 2:4a NLT

And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits
of authority God gave them... – Jude 1:6a NLT

TRUE FREEDOM IS SELF- _____
NOT _____-DRIVEN

These false teachers are like unthinking animals, creatures of
instinct, born to be caught and destroyed. – 2 Peter 2:12 NLT

They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is
never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are
well trained in greed. – 2 Peter 2:14 NLT

They have wandered off the right road and followed the
footsteps of Balaam... – 2 Peter 2:15 NLT

Find the story of Balaam, "prophet turned profiteer" (MSG), in Numbers 22-24. 💰

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of
power, love, and self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

See also the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. 🍇

TRUE FREEDOM IS THE _____

OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS, NOT

THE _____ OF

STILL-CORRUPT CHARLATANS

The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful
you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
– 2 Peter 1:8 NLT

They brag about themselves with empty, foolish boasting.
– 2 Peter 2:18a NLT

These people are as useless as dried-up springs or as mist
blown away by the wind. – 2 Peter 2:17 NLT

They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin
and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you.
– 2 Peter 2:19 NLT