



True Freedom | Session 2

Open Doors

Speaker Name:

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1| Under the Influence (John 8:36 NKJV)

a) The Enemy does exist and can gain entrance. (Matthew 8:16, Mark 6:13, John 10:1 NKJV, John 10:10 NKJV)

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” – C.S. Lewis

b) Thief in the house. (John 10:1 NKJV, Lamentations 4:12 NKJV, Joel 2:9, Luke 22:3)

c) Have I opened a door? (Luke 22:31-32, 56-57, Luke 21:19 NKJV)

Notes:

Discussion: How do you differentiate between an area of weakness and being in bondage? What steps do you think you can take to release yourself from bondage?

2| Open Doors to Address

a) Pride. (Job 33:8-9)

b) Trusting in your own wisdom. (1 Kings 22:7-8, 15-23, James 3:14-15)

c) Find the door and close it! (Proverbs 16:18, 1 Kings 22:34)

Notes:

Discussion: Do you have an area in your life where you believe you have opened a door to the enemy? Are you ready to close it? Please share.

3| Taking Authority Back

- a) Jesus has authority! (Luke 10:17-21)
 - i. There really are demons.
 - ii. They really do enter people.
 - iii. Jesus really does cast them out.
 - iv. He gives us the authority to cast out demons.

- b) Our authority comes from submission to His authority! (Mark 5:6 NKJV)
- c) Humble repentance is the answer. (James 4:7)

Notes:

Activation

- Take 2 minutes to hear from the Holy Spirit.
- Ask Him to reveal to you any areas you may have opened a door to the enemy in your life.
- Confess and repent. Humble yourself and thank Him for setting you free from the influence of the enemy.

The enemy gains entrance to our lives through open doors, or areas we are unwilling to submit to Jesus. If we acknowledge we are held in bondage, humble ourselves, repent, and submit to the authority of Jesus we can remove the influence of the enemy in our lives!

To Deepen Your Relationship

1. Meditate on John 8:36:

“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

Reflect What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this scripture?

2. Please take some time and watch *Beware of Chaldeans* (from the *Free Indeed* sermon series found at gatewaypeople.com or [HERE](#))

Reflect: How does the information presented in *Beware of Chaldeans* impact or change the way you think about the fact that believers can be in bondage to the enemy? What did the Holy Spirit say to you?
