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Generational Curse: The Life of Freedom (Galatians 5:13-25)

Warmup: Recount the time in your life that you first recognized the gift of freedom.

Cultural and Historical Background: In the Greco-Roman world, freedom was a highly valued concept, often associated with citizenship and the rights it conferred. Slavery was a common institution, and the idea of being set free from slavery was a powerful metaphor. In the Jewish context, freedom was also a significant theme, particularly in relation to the Exodus from Egypt and the deliverance from captivity. The New Testament writers, particularly Paul, adapted these cultural understandings to convey the spiritual freedom found in Christ.

Greek definition of freedom: (eleutheros), meaning "free" or "unrestrained" (Bible Hub, Greek Lexicon)

READ Galatians 5:13-25

- How are the Galatians being tempted to use their freedom?

- How do you define freedom?

- Describe the contrast between the freedom society promotes and the concept of freedom Jesus lived while on earth.
 - Considering your answer to the above question, the freedom our society propels specifically revolves around who?
 - How would the people in your neighborhood define freedom?

REFLECT

- How does loving, serving, and seeking the best for one another liberate us (v13)?

- What happens to your freedom when you hold on to unforgiveness?

- Who makes it possible for us to choose the freedom Paul is explaining in this chapter?

- According to this passage, what does the freedom of Christ produce in your life?

RESPONSE

- What is preventing you from living in the freedom Christ died to give you?

- Give specific examples of how to propel Christ's freedom in our church, and within our community. What can you calendar right now to put your freedom in action this week?

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