



SERMON NOTES:

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

— **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 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 8:31-36 (NIV)**

Most believers aren't free indeed because they don't believe that they can indeed be in bondage.

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

— **Romans 7:15 (NLT)**

The struggle is real but there is a solution.

The only way that you can be set free is if you know you're bound.

1. There really are demons.

"Satan hails both the sceptic and the superstitious alike"

– C.S. Lewis

The greatest lie Satan sells you is that he isn't real.

2. We can be under their influence.

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

– Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)

Change your habits or your old ways will still have access to your new life.

3. Demons have to flee by the power of Jesus' name.

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

– Luke 10:20 (NIV)

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

– James 4:7 (ESV)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

– 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

We defeat the enemy by replacing every lie he has told us with the truth of God's Word.

You have to know the Truth in order to hear the truth.

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. What kind of fruit is coming out of your life? Are you missing some of the fruits of the Spirit? Why?
2. In what ways do you need to start living out your faith again?
3. In what areas have you allowed the thief to come into your life?
4. What lies have you believed from the enemy that you need to replace with the truth of the Word of God?
5. What practical steps can you take this week to “replace the locks” to the doors of your heart so the enemy can’t have access anymore?