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Freedom!

Week 2—Freedom in the Present

Day 13—August 16, 2019

Freedom in Contentment

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (ESV)

God, you are our King and our friend. Today we are reminded by your words in 1 Timothy 6:6-10 to have freedom by being content; to be satisfied with whatever situation you have us in God. Living like Jesus won't get us more in life or give us financial stability. It'll take our eyes off of ourselves and off of pursuing the American Dream; which is a great scheme that we have bought into. But you promise that when we are content, we gain more!

Our lives are so much more than what we do or do not possess. We brought nothing into this world and we're not going to take any of it with us. God may we not spend our lives chasing after the temporary, but may we chase after the eternal. Even food and shelter are enough to satisfy us God. Thank you that we always have something to be grateful for.

If we desire more stuff and wealth, we are just going to be like a rat stuck in a trap unable to get out. The desire for more will cause us more harm than good. Your Word tells us that loving money causes all sorts of evil—it will bring ruin on ourselves, and our love for Jesus will get pushed aside. FORGIVE US, God, for pursuing money more than you, for pursuing the American Dream, and for being envious of things that other people have.

I love that this passage reminds us that we are men and women of GOD! I ask that right now we replace our love for money with a greater love for you. When we feel like we have nothing in this life, remind us about the great things that we have in Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

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