



CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Freedom!

Week 1—Freedom from the Past

Day 5—August 8, 2019

Freedom from Hate

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

1 John 2:9-10

Hey Papa, thank you that you are the light of the world, and that no darkness can stand in your presence. I am your child, so I will walk in your light. Your Holy Spirit lives in me and shines through me, and I'm so grateful that I have the honor of showing others your love in this way. Thank you for the freedom that has come through laying down my hatred of others and of myself, and seeing through your loving eyes.

I'm sorry for the ways I have hated myself and defied the truth—the truth is that I am your child, made in your image, beautifully and wonderfully woven together by your very hand, and a masterpiece of your creation. I'm sorry for the times that I've failed to see others in this light, too—no matter the excuse. In moments of frustration and difficulty, when the enemy comes to tempt me into hatred, grow my love, Lord, and help me to despise Evil.

I lay down my bitterness and choose to see even my enemies as your beloved. This is freedom. As I choose to walk in freedom, help me to remember that Love has already won. Empty any hatred that is in me, and replace it with rivers of love, pouring over into the lives of everyone around me. Thank you, Jesus, for setting me free.

In your precious name, Amen.

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