Freedom

Prayer Training

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In this season, the bells of liberty are ringing from the heavens to free all who have been bound mentally and spiritually. If you ever need freedom from anything, realize, your savior Jesus Christ came for that very reason. Pay attention to the scripture He proclaimed when He first began His earthly ministry. Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Whether your chain is related to something demonic, emotional or financial, your deliverance is directly related to your ability to call on the name of Jesus who's omnipotent power is unmatched.

The enemy desires for you to relinquish your control. Things we do for fun which we identify as recreational may have lasting consequences when the "game" is over. When I check the booking report, there are many people who have committed terrible crimes which are specifically connected to actions performed while they were under the influence. The scripture says in *1 Corinthians* 6:12 Everything is permissible for me, but not all things are beneficial. Everything is permissible for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything [and brought under its power, allowing it to control me]. When we allow drinks, substances, pills or even spirits to possess us, we become the vessel and allow our authority, power and will to be surrendered. As believers, blaming it on alcohol when it comes to our bad decisions and transgressions will not suffice when needing to enter the kingdom of heaven. It's time to be mature, and not make ourselves slaves to the enemy, but rather yield our body to the purpose, plan and will of God.

The End Goal Isn't Bondage!

Never think that it's God's will for you to remain in debt, be depressed, unhappy, sick or even lonely. The scripture in *Jeremiah 29:11* states, 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Whenever you hear or read this, always remind yourself that whatever you are facing now, it was only meant to be temporary. If you have been dealing with the same chains for a long time, don't settle or become accustomed to merely coping with bondage. It's time to be free! The children of Israel as Egyptians were first very content with their displacement and having to conform to the customs which weren't native to their culture, but as things grew worse, they began to cry out for their deliverance. *Exodus 2:23* And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.

Sometimes what starts off easy may transition to something painful. We don't go into relationships with the expectation of them turning toxic. People don't start a job desiring for their boss to hate them after seeing a great job performance. Teenagers don't experiment with drugs believing they

would become an addict for the rest of their lives. We as people make good, but unfortunately bad decisions which can affect our lives and consequently the next generation as well. However regardless of the bondage, it takes an individual or a group of people to cry out to the chain breaker and freedom will flow from the Courts of Heaven.

Remind GOD!

Using the Word in prayer is very effective when calling out for deliverance as a believer. You must know the things that God has promised you and the covenant He made with you or even your ancestors! We don't pray to ancestors, but sometimes you need to know what THEY prayed for, and what God promised! Then, as a strategy, petition God to honor the prayers which were already prayed and promises already given. Pay attention to what God told Moses, Deuteronomy 28: 12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: 14And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. When you are living a righteous and repented lifestyle, don't hold on to the condemnation of sin, but be free and declare the blessings of God over your life. When you pray, say GOD YOU SAID!!!! It's not disrespectful, but it shows the humility of our posture as children and God's stature as the Father. Our Dad isn't a deadbeat and will ALWAYS honor His Word!

Repent and Renounce!

Leviticus 26:40 "But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me, 41 which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, 42 I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. 43 For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. 44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God. 45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the Lord." We must realize there are sins, that as a family, a nation, or a church, need to be confessed for the blood of Jesus to cleanse and forgive! There are murderers, rapists, pedophiles, thieves, witches, warlocks and idolaters of all kinds who could have preyed on the innocent or made covenants on demonic altars. When we confess by the Holy Spirit these things, we are able to break ties that link us to evil in our past which may be keeping us from blessings. That's why it's important when God sets you free to stay free, because these displaced homeless spirits will hang around until they can come back to cause even more damage. Many have been connected for decades upon decades so it's important to resist, realizing they don't know where else to go. Remember when Jesus sent the demons of the demon possessed men into the pigs in Matthew

8:28? The spirits didn't want to leave the region so begged to possess the animals. It's important to repent, and renounce or formally declare abandonment from any evil tie or connection. Now when you say, "Lord free me," HE knows you belong to HIM, and won't go back to them.

Sing Songs of Deliverance!

Leandria Johnson is amazing, but there are more songs of deliverance than just her hit album. Actually, music has been a tool of deliverance even dating back to king Saul. 1 Samuel 16:14-23 Now, the Lord's Spirit had left Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. 15 Saul's officials told him, "An evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Your Majesty, why don't you command us to look for a man who can play the lyre well? When the evil spirit from God comes to you, he'll strum a tune, and you'll feel better." 17 Saul told his officials, "Please find me a man who can play well and bring him to me." 18 One of the officials said, "I know one of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem who can play well. He's a courageous man and a warrior. He has a way with words, he is handsome, and the Lord is with him." 19 Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 20 Jesse took six bushels of bread, a full wineskin, and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. 21 David came to Saul and served him. Saul loved him very much and made David his Armor bearer. 22 Saul sent this message to Jesse, "Please let David stay with me because I have grown fond of him." 23 Whenever God's spirit came to Saul, David took the lyre and strummed a tune. Saul got relief from his terror and felt better, and the evil spirit left him.

Understand, Saul didn't pray for God to deliver him from the spirit. This is the power of an anointed psalmist just playing a medley before the Lord which in turn fought against a tormenting spirit. If certain music can bring deliverance, there are certain songs that can bring you into further bondage. There are songs that only bring pain, depression and anger. Therefore, if you need deliverance, it's important that you find some hymns, spiritual songs, or worship music that glorify God, and invite Heaven into your situation. It's amazing that although Saul didn't have God's Spirit anymore, the Lord didn't stop him from being a benefactor of healing power and deliverance. There are people who aren't even saved yet that in the presence of praise and worship will get an opportunity to experience the liberating power of God. Don't forget what happened when Paul and Silas prayed at midnight! Acts 16:25 "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God."

This means individually, and collectively God's power can hit an area and anyone present can be free. God desires His children to be free, and for where we are headed, we don't need any bondage. Get ready to cry out to God, and watch the Lord send an angel with yoke breaking instructions. It's time to be free indeed, in Jesus' name!