

# Freedom

## Robert Morris

### Review

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**Key Scriptures:** Luke 4:18; John 8:34; Matthew 18:21–35

### Discuss

1. Pastor Robert shared believers can still be influenced by demonic spirits. Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
2. What do you think it means to be in spiritual bondage?
3. Why do you think it is difficult for Christians to admit they are in bondage or under the enemy's influence?
4. How does unforgiveness put us in bondage?
5. Read James 5:16. How does the confession of sins help bring freedom into our lives?
6. What is the first step to accepting the freedom God offers us?
7. Are there any areas of your life the enemy has tried to hold you back? If so, what do you feel like God is saying to you about the situation?
8. Have you experienced freedom in an area of your life? Share if you are comfortable.
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

### Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Jesus doesn't want His children stuck in bondage.
- Forgiveness keeps us from being in bondage.
- Jesus came to set the captives free.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, I ask You to forgive me for all my sins. Show me the areas in my life where I need to repent. I ask You to release me from every bondage in Jesus' name. I take

authority over every evil spirit and command it to go in Jesus' name. In every place I've been in bondage, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

### **Leader Tip**

Ask group members to help with various tasks related to the group such as bringing snacks, organizing events, leading worship, and sending email reminders. This will strengthen relationships within the group and lighten your load as the leader, helping avoid burnout.

### **Group Dynamics Idea**

Gateway is all about people and expressing God's love and grace to our communities. One way we do this is through Serve Week, which is happening May 16–21. Every campus will have opportunities to serve throughout the week. Find something that works for your group at [gatewaypeople.com/serveweek](http://gatewaypeople.com/serveweek) and plan to serve together!