

NO LONGER BOUND

Breaking Free from the Bondage We Agreed to That Enslaves Our Heart – Jeremiah 40:4,5 & Galatians 5:1.

Many Christians don't realize that we can make agreements with the enemy of our souls to escape our past pains –whether it be from our performance, relationships, reputation, fear, or loss of control. Even though we have been totally saved from the consequences of our sin, we can still live as a slave to Satan himself because of conscious and unconscious contractual agreements we have made in our hearts.

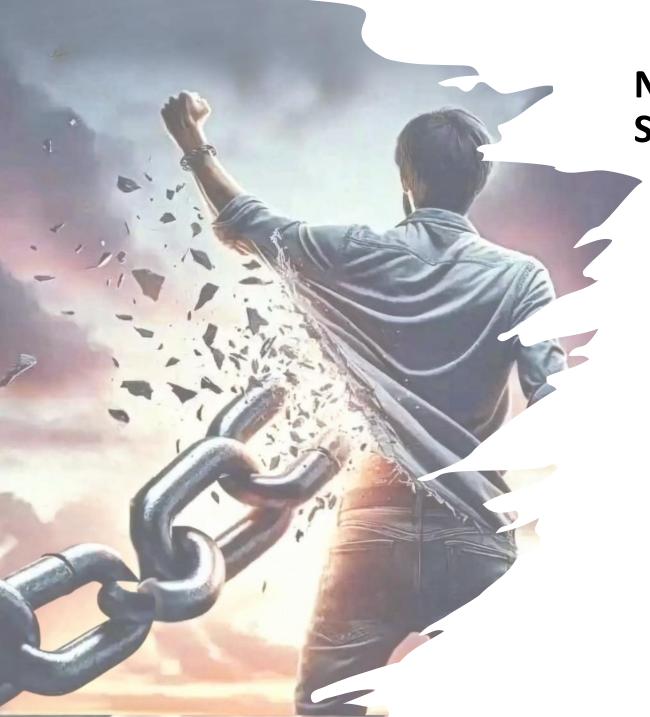
God wants us FREE to live life as He designed it. To do so we must look inside our hearts, uncover these old agreements, and discover the simple steps to revoke and break them.

By breaking these oppressive agreements, we can then freely live out the life

Jesus ransomed us for and become fully alive through the four tributaries of Discipleship, Counseling, Healing, and Warfare.

God is calling us to live out our calling in communities of the heart, to fight for one another and for the hearts of those who have not yet been set free!





NO LONGER BOUND: SEEING OUR WAY CLEARLY

- 1. LIFE → God offers life (John 10:10). Where is this abundant life that Christ supposedly promised? Where is God when we need him most? What is going to happen to you this year? It is too easy to doubt our place, we come to question God's intentions toward us, and we lose track of the most important things in life.
- 2. <u>HEART</u> → We have forgotten that the heart is central.
- 3. <u>WAR</u> → We were born into a world at war. Good vs. Evil.

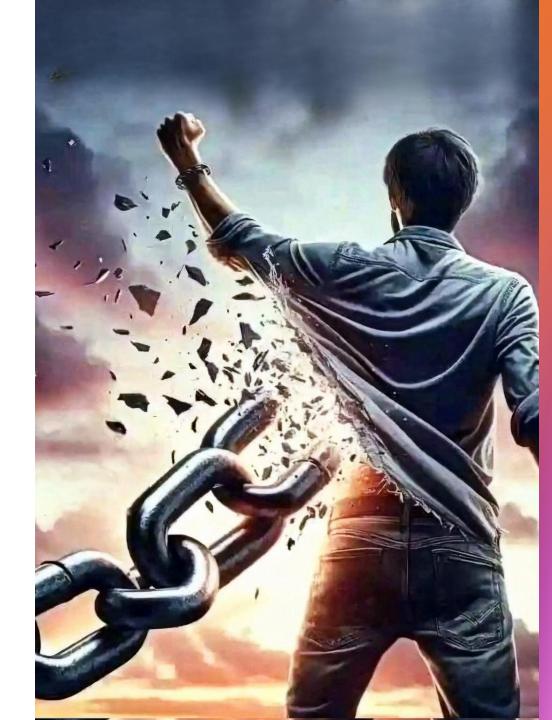
NO LONGER BOUND: AGREEMENTS

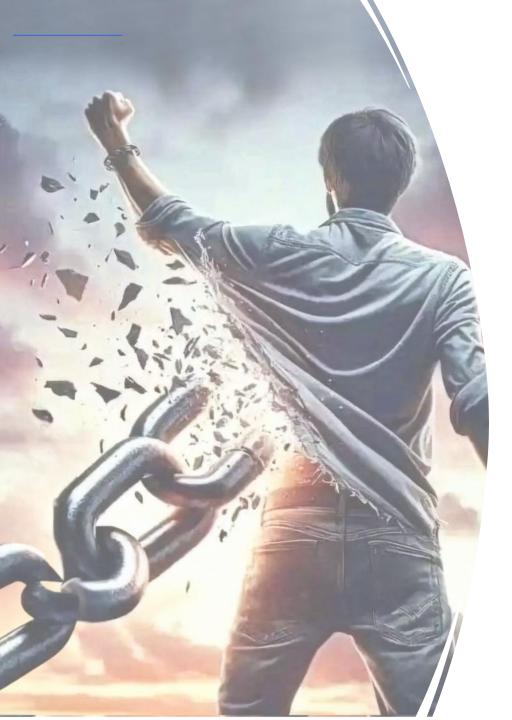
- NO RIGHTS/AUTHORITY → The enemy no longer has inherent right to us
 - (because of what Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection)
- 2. <u>BELIEVE A LIE</u> → Subsequently, Satan uses our moments of vulnerability to get us to make agreements.
 - (this is the way he gains rights to us)
- 3. MAKE A DEAL → Satan uses bargaining, manipulating us when we are vulnerable and offering us deals.

(Just like he tempted Jesus in the desert)

What have been your moments of vulnerability?

- 1. When someone threatens to leave you (fear of abandonment)
- 2. When you feel misunderstood, mis-judged or powerless
- 3. When you feel inadequate to tackle what's in front of you
- 4. When you feel afraid of_____
- 5. When you feel ashamed of _____





NO LONGER BOUND: CONSEQUENCES (Romans 1:24-31).

- 1. REAP WHAT YOU SOW → When someone is able to flaunt God's law to his heart's content, it may be a sign that he is under God's wrath. Divine judgment often manifests itself in allowing sinners to reap the consequences of their own rebellion.
- 2. "God gave them over" to three things:
 - 1. <u>LUST</u> → "God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them" (verse 24, NASB).
 - 2. PASSIONS → "God gave them over to degrading passions" (verse 26, NASB).
 - 3. <u>DEPRAVITY</u> → "God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper" (verse 28, NASB).
- 3. <u>DISHONOR SELF</u> → The Greek word translated "gave over" or "gave up" means "surrendered, yielded up, entrusted, or transmitted." In this context, it refers to the act of God completely abandoning the unrighteous. As the wicked deserted God, God in turn deserted them, no longer giving them divine direction or restraint, but allowing them to corrupt themselves as they wished. Because they would not honor Him, He let them do what they pleased to dishonor themselves. Being given over or yielded up to one's sinful desires is a judgment from God.

NO LONGER BOUND: TYPES OF AGREEMENTS.

- **1.** PROGRAM → A symptom we agree to run like a program in our system.
 - 1. Internal or external lie we believe about ourselves or others
 - 2. Can be rooted in body, heart, spirit (i.e. self-hatred, OCD, depression, nightmares, migraines, etc.)
- 2. **POWER** The enemy offered you power in a place you felt powerless.
 - 1. I.e. the power to save my parents marriage, secure my finances, be liked, become successful.
- 3. OWNERSHIP → Simply gave the enemy ownership of something (body/heart/spirit)
 - 1. IE: relationship, health, dreams, self image, prayers, calling etc.
- **4.** TRANSFER \rightarrow A rescue attempt; usually within parent-child or spouse relationship
 - 1. Consider something you gave away (gift, provision, etc.) for the sake of another or something you took on (issues, warfare, etc.)
 - **5.** ASSAULT → always an enemy attack you agreed to to stave off a bigger threat of attack.



NO LONGER BOUND: BREAKING AGREEMENTS.

- 1. <u>CONFESS/REPENT & ASK for FORGIVENESS</u> → Tell your story, choose to believe the truth and accept forgiveness. I John 1:8-10 and James 5:16.
- 2. REVOKE THE AGREEMENT → Bind all entities that came with the agreement, revoke their rights, and cast them to the cross. Give up/surrender to God all things gained/bargained for and ask Jesus to take them away: Powers gained or promised, blocks, lies; loved ones entrusted into God's care, etc.
- 3. REVERSE & CORRECT ALL EFFECTS OF THAT AGREEMENT → Ask Jesus to come in and reign in all effected areas and breathe His life. Bless all parts of your LIFE: Heart & Body affected by the agreement.

ACTION: Journal This!

- 1. What are stories of trauma that you carry?
- 2. How has that story damaged your life?
- 3. How can you gain your freedom from the effects of your trauma?

