



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. In order 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 – WALK WITH GOD!

Highland Colony Men's Roundtable

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**Scripture:** Jeremiah 40:4-6; Galatians 5:1; Jeremiah 40:4-6; Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 6:10-18; Isaiah 61:1-4; Ezekiel 36:26,27; Matthew 15:19; II Corinthians 3:16-18; Matthew 7:14; Psalm 16:11; Proverbs 1:32-33; Proverbs 2:9-11; II Corinthians 7:10

**Music:** The Avett Brothers "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkE3ASZhicM>

**Video:** The Sons of Thunder are Born - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enwt-3kQsu4>

**Resources:** *Waking the Dead – The Glory of a Heart Fully Alive* by John Eldredge

#### NO LONGER BOUND: REALITY.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → "Until we come to terms with *war* as the context of our days we will not understand life." Arm yourself (Eph. 6:10-18).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it. You SEE this!
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → Jesus's mission is to restore your heart. "I am here to give you back your heart and set you free." See Isaiah 61:1-4.

#### NO LONGER BOUND: RESORED – Ezekiel 36:26-27.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → Moral living is not the solution. The problem is not in your behavior; the problem is in us (Matthew 15:19). We don't need an upgrade. We need transformation. We need a miracle.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → We fear our glory! Pride is a bad thing, to be sure, but it's not prideful to embrace the truth that you bear the image of God. Paul says it brings glory to God. We fear our own glory because we fear allowing others to see our truest self and that feels naked. See II Cor. 3:16-18.

#### NO LONGER BOUND: Walk with God! - Matthew 7:14.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → God speaks to me! He has guided me into all sorts of beautiful surprises and adventures. If you're not pursuing a dangerous quest with your life, well, then, you don't need a Guide! See Psalm 16:11. That is Discipleship! Only by walking with God can we hope to find the path that leads to life. That is what it means to be a disciple. After all—aren't we "followers of Christ"? Then by all means, let's actually follow him.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Our heart has been made good by the work of Christ, but we haven't learned how to live from it. Launching out with an untrained heart can bring much hurt and ruin, and afterward we will be shamed back into the gospel of Sin Management, having concluded that our heart is bad. See Proverbs 1:32-33; 2:9-11.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → The Bible is full of counterintuitive direction from God. See Acts 9:1,2 and 9:13-14.

#### NO LONGER BOUND: Walk with God! – HOW? - Matthew 7:14.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ → God still speaks! (John 16:12,13 & 8:47 & 10:1-4, 11). Walking with God is a way of life. It's something to be learned; our ability to hear God's voice and discern his work to us grows over time. We must learn to ASK and LISTEN!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ → Hearing God's voice comes to us from within, in the heart, the dwelling place of God. I must test what I hear. Any "word" that brings discouragement, condemnation, accusation—that is NOT from God. (See II Cor. 7:10).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ → We need men who walk with God to also walk us through the seasons of life. However, few there are who find such friends. Approach the Bible not so much as a manual of Christians principles but as the testimony of God's friends on what it means to walk with him through a thousand different episodes.

#### ACTION: Journal This!

1. What does "Walk with God" mean to you?
2. When was a time you believed God clearly guided you?
3. When was a time you ignored the direction or wisdom of God?



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## SCRIPTURE – The Message

**Jeremiah 40:4-6 - 4** "But today, Jeremiah, I'm setting you free, taking the chains off your hands. If you'd like to come to Babylon with me, come along. I'll take good care of you. But if you don't want to come to Babylon with me, that's just fine, too. Look, the whole land stretches out before you. Do what you like. Go and live wherever you wish. **5** If you want to stay home, go back to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan. The king of Babylon made him governor of the cities of Judah. Stay with him and your people. Or go wherever you'd like. It's up to you." The captain of the bodyguard gave him food for the journey and a parting gift, and sent him off. **6** Jeremiah went to Gedaliah son of Ahikam at Mizpah and made his home with him and the people who were left behind in the land. Take Care of the Land

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**Ephesians 6:10-18 - 10** And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. **11** So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. **12** This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. **13** Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. **14** Truth, righteousness, **15** peace, **16** faith, **17** and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. **18** In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

**Isaiah 61:1-4 - 1** The Spirit of God, the Master, is on me because God anointed me. He sent me to preach good news to the poor, heal the heartbroken, Announce freedom to all captives, pardon all prisoners. **2** God sent me to announce the year of his grace - a celebration of God's destruction of our enemies - and to comfort all who mourn. **3** To care for the needs of all who mourn in Zion, give them bouquets of roses instead of ashes, Messages of joy instead of news of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit. Rename them "Oaks of Righteousness" planted by God to display his glory. **4** They'll rebuild the old ruins, raise a new city out of the wreckage. They'll start over on the ruined cities, take the rubble left behind and make it new.

**Ezekiel 36:26,27 - 26** I'll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I'll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that's God-willed, not self-willed. **27** I'll put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands.

**Matthew 15:19 - 19** It's from the heart that we vomit up evil arguments, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, and cussing.

**II Corinthians 3:16-18 - 16** Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are - face to face! **17** They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! **18** All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

**Matthew 7:14 - 14** The way to life - to God! - is vigorous and requires total attention.

**Psalms 16:11 - 11** Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.

**Proverbs 1:32-33 - 32** Don't you see what happens, you simpletons, you idiots? Carelessness kills; complacency is murder. **33** First pay attention to me, and then relax. Now you can take it easy - you're in good hands."

**Proverbs 2:9-11 - 9** So now you can pick out what's true and fair, find all the good trails! **10** Lady Wisdom will be your close friend, and Brother Knowledge your pleasant companion. **11** Good Sense will scout ahead for danger, Insight will keep an eye out for you.

**II Corinthians 7:10 - 10** Distress that drives us to God does that. It turns us around. It gets us back in the way of salvation. We never regret that kind of pain. But those who let distress drive them away from God are full of regrets, end up on a deathbed of regrets.

### "Closer Walk With Thee" By The Avett Brothers

Just a closer walk with Thee Grant it, Jesus, is my plea Daily walking close to Thee Let it be, dear Lord, let it be I am weak but Thou art strong	Jesus, keep me from all wrong I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee Through this world of toil and snares If I falter, Lord, who cares?	Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee When my feeble life is o'er Time for me will be no more Guide me gently, safely o'er To thy Kingdom's shore, to thy shore
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