

A person is shown from behind, breaking a heavy metal chain. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark jeans. The chain is being snapped, with sparks and debris flying off. The background is a dramatic sky with clouds and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a silhouette effect on the person. The overall mood is one of liberation and triumph.

NO LONGER BOUND::
MEET THE CHAIN BREAKER

NO LONGER BOUND – WALK WITH GOD!

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

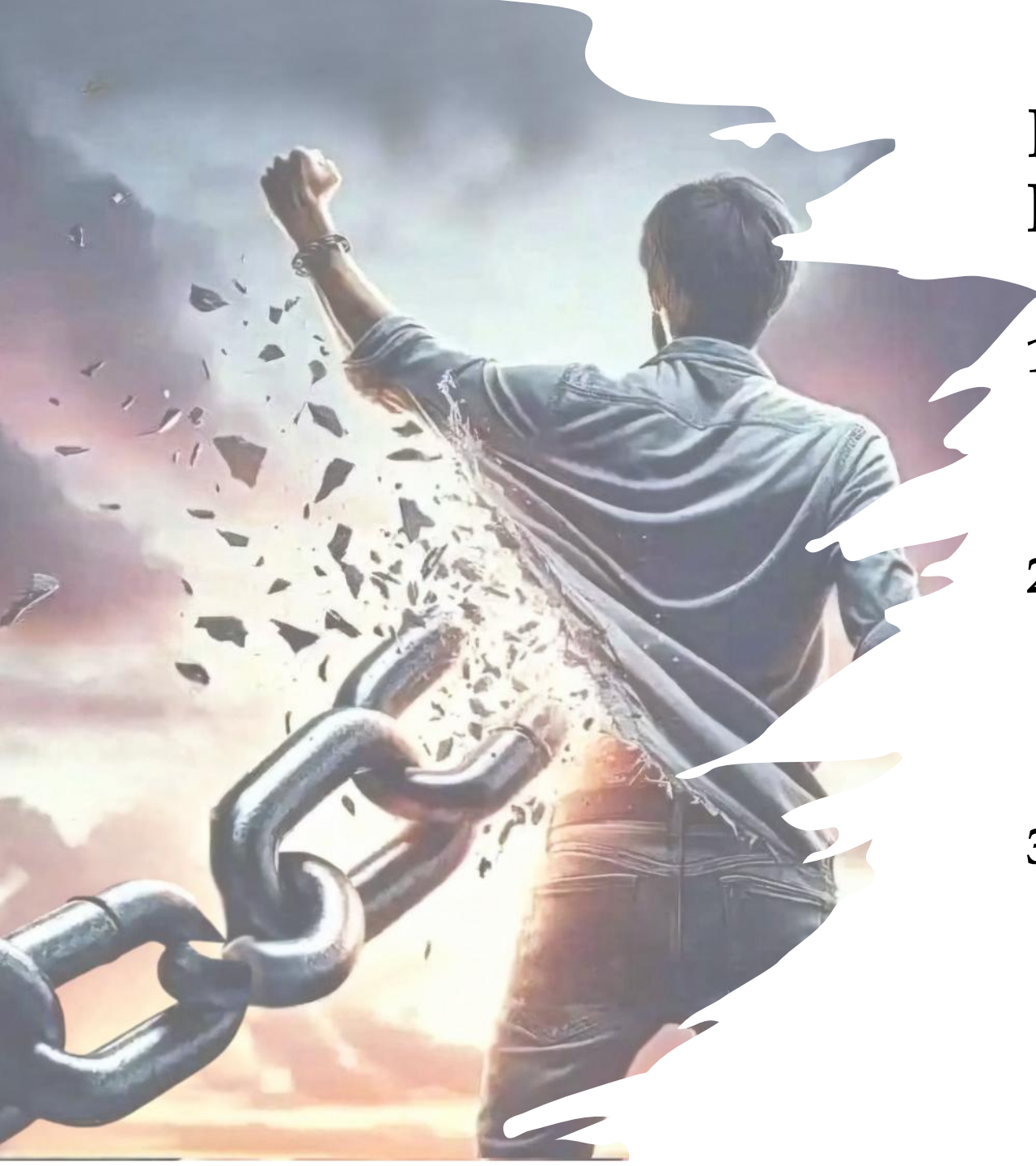
Many Christians don't realize that we can make agreements with the enemy of our souls to escape our past pains –whether it be from our performance, relationships, reputation, fear, or loss of control. Even though we have been totally saved from the consequences of our sin, we can still live as a slave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

1. WAR → “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. HEART → 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. MISSION → Jesus’s mission is to restore your heart. “I am here to give you back you heart and set your free.” See Isaiah 61:1-4.



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

1. **TRANSFORMATION** → 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. **NO SHAME – EMBRACE YOUR GLORY** → 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.

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Matthew 7:14.

1. Guidance → 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.



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2. By WISDOM → 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. By REVELATION → The Bible is full of counterintuitive direction from God. See Acts 9:1,2 and 9:13-14.

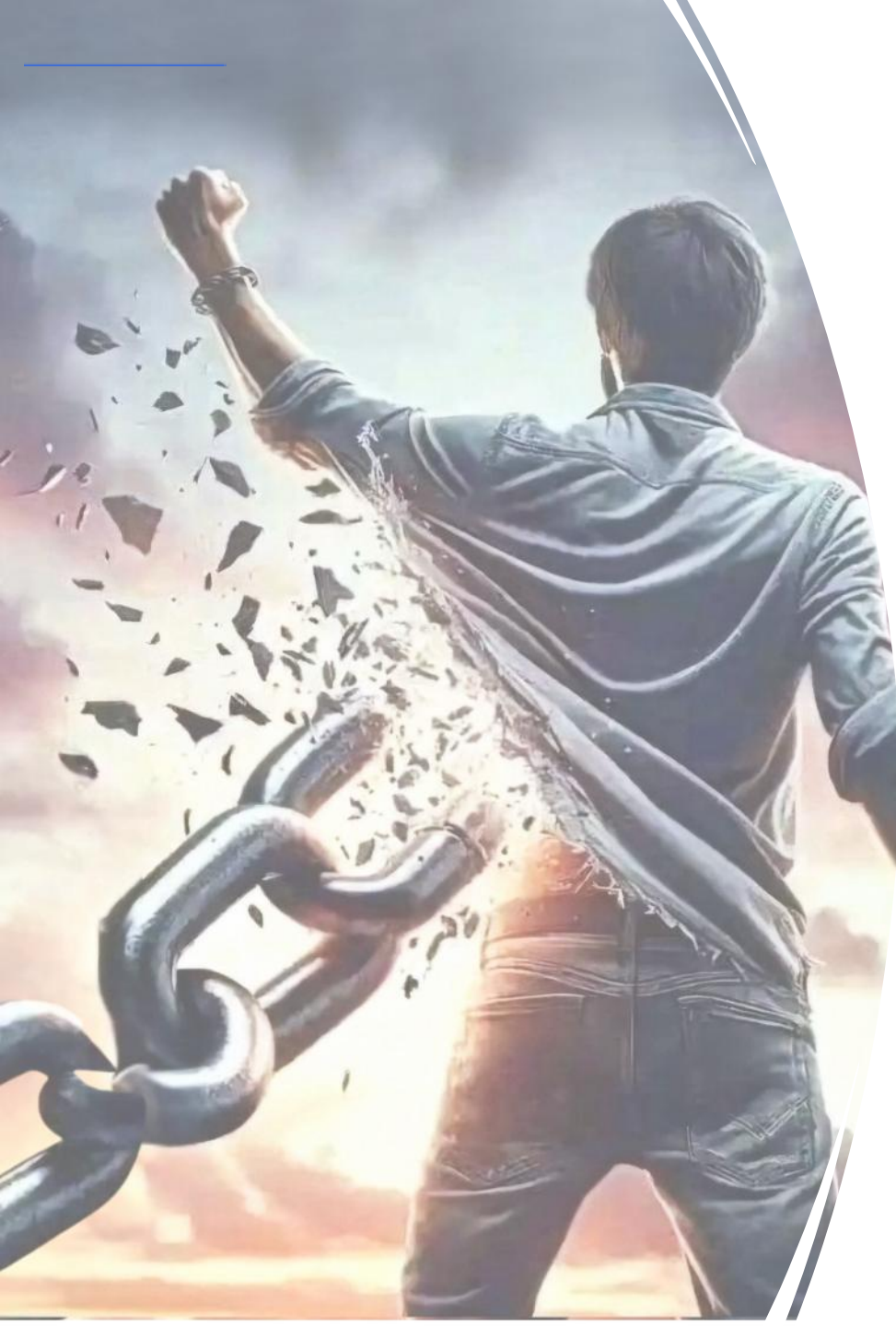


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1. By LISTENING → God still speaks! (John 16:12,13 & 8:47 & 10:1-4, 11). Walking with God is a way of life. It's something to be learned; our ability to hear God's voice and discern his work to us grows over time. We must learn to ASK and LISTEN!
2. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR HEART → 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).





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3. LISTEN TO CLOSE FRIENDS → 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?

