

# FINDING FREEDOM IRL



Sunday, January 8, 2023

## Finding Freedom in Real Life: “(Y)our Identity in Christ”

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### Notes:

#### Finding Freedom: “(Y)our Identity in Christ”

[Isaiah 58:6-7; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 25:34-40]

Jesus solves (Y)our current \_\_\_\_\_

[Romans 8:1-11]

(Y)our identity in Christ grows as we let Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and bring us life (“zoe”)

[Isaiah 58:6-7]

### 5 Habits that keep us filled with life (“zoe”):

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| 1. Love and _____      | (Isaiah 58:7)        |
| 2. _____ and study     | (Hebrews 4:12)       |
| 3. _____               | (Mark 9:28-29, NKJV) |
| 4. _____               | (James 5:16-18)      |
| 5. _____ and community | (James 5:19-20)      |

### Next Step Questions:

- Will you receive life today and (Y)our identity in Christ?
- Will you commit to the habits that keep us filled with life in 2023?
- Will you come into the light today and let Jesus breakthrough any lies?

### LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. If you were asked “who are you”? How would you respond. What shapes and forms your identity?
3. Do you agree with the statement that our world is in an identity crisis?

4. Read Romans 8:1-11. How does Jesus' step in and bring freedom and a new identity to a believer?

5. Review this quote shared in the message: "To be a Christ-centered, Spirit-led church will mean seeking the Lord in prayer, rather than trusting in our devices" (David Butts). What does this mean for you? What does this mean for us at Pathway?

- Have you committed to our 21-day time of prayer and fasting? Sign-up for the free devotional here: [www.pathwayvb.com/fast](http://www.pathwayvb.com/fast)

6. Which of the "5 Habits that keep us filled with life ("zoe")" below are you committed to in 2023? Share for encouragement and accountability.

- Love and serve others (Isaiah 58:7)
- Bible reading and study (Hebrews 4:12)
- Fasting (Mark 9:28-29, NKJV)
- Prayer (James 5:16-18)
- Confession and community (James 5:19-20)

7. How did you answer the next step questions from the message?

8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?