Surrender to Freedom

I. Introductory Celebrations

I am blessed, humbled, and honored by so many of your lives. I overflow with gratitude at seeing so much fruit.

Call to the Capitol — Don't Mess With Our Kids

Call to the Capitol occurred in every one of the 50 state capitols.

Thank you to *Nikki Qureshi* and the many who gathered around this vision of "Don't Mess With Our Kids." **October is coming!**

AWAKE, ARISE (Pray, Vote, Engage — Let's defeat Woke / Marxist / Globalist ideology. Let's save the children of this nation),

HITLER SLIDE

Global Summit

Edgar and Yadira were commissioned to apostolic ministry.

Cindy Jacobs called them up on the platform and spoke a word of the Lord over them. [show video]

Paul and Ruth Martini in Albuquerque.

New Life City Josh and Trista Lamb, Andy and Leigh Meyers

Phenomenal explosion of the gospel in Albuquerque. [picture]

Pastor Odysseus Gbor in Monrovia, Liberia. Helped him with some finances for a week long outreach on a sports field. [*Pictures 1 2*].

More than I can say this morning. So many of you are ENGAGED and SERVING here and out in the community, in other ministries. We are proud of you! We boast in Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit in us, among us, and through us.

David's Message last week!

II. Freedom is the Purpose and Manifestation of Our Salvation

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Selfish Freedom Turns into Slavery

Americans prize nothing more highly than freedom. It can be the wrong kind of freedom. Some speak of freedom in political terms: freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom to vote. Others work for freedom from oppressive social structures. However, **what most Americans mainly want is personal freedom.** In other words, what most Americans want is the freedom to be left alone.

The reason we want to be left alone is that we are naturally selfish. We want to do what we want to do, whenever, wherever, however, and with whomever we please. If this is what freedom means to us, then believing in God becomes extremely inconvenient.

We are born into a triple slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

Jesus became sin for us that we might become what he is, the righteousness of God. In his death and resurrection, **he destroyed him who had the power of death**, **that is the devil!**

Hebrews 2:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Freedom to Serve

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

Freedom is our Stewardship that fulfills the <u>Genesis 1</u> mandate to care for and guide all creation

Romans 8:19-23 (NIV)

- ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
- ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
- ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.
- ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
- ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

III. Sources of Freedom

A. Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (ESV)

- ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

B. Word of God - Truth - Set Free

John 8:31-32 (ESV)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "**If** you *abide in my word*, you are *truly* my disciples,

³² and you will **know the truth**, and the **truth** will **set you free**."

Abiding —> Knowing experientially as transcendent experience

Being SET FREE implies a state of slavery.

Sin Robs Freedom

John 8:33-34 (ESV)

³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham … How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a *slave to sin*.

SLAVERY Owned by sin

C. The Son and the Word are Congruent

identical in form — coinciding exactly when superimposed.

John 8:34-36 (ESV)

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

REALLY Unquestionably Free through and through

IV Obedience (Surrender) is Love

<u>John 14:15</u> (ESV)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Love sets us free from all fear -1 John's 4:18 *casts out fear*

It reveals our trust with All our heart

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It is the acknowledgment of Jesus' Lordship in all our ways

In obedience, we become **congruent with the eternal WORD** that created all things.

We enter in and both the universe (creation — *olam*) and the Creator open up to us.

Psalm 119:18 (ESV)

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Hidden things.... Not yet detected

Proverbs 25:11 "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver."

- <u>1 John 4:16–21</u> "16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and **whoever abides in love** abides in God, and God abides in him. [
- 17 **By this** is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.
- 18 There is no fear in love, but *perfect love casts out fear*. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.
- 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Matthew 22:37–40 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

<u>Deuteronomy 6:5</u> "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

<u>Leviticus 19:17–18</u> "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not **take vengeance** or **bear a grudge** against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

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Cherubim guard the gate to Eden; Cherubim overshadow the Mercy Seat under which lie the Two Tablets

10 Commandments

3 pertain to our relationship to God

1 pertains to REST, FAITH, HOLINESS — Infinity and Eternity in Time and Space (believing the love God has for us)

4 pertain to OUR RELATIONAL BEHAVIOR.

It's as if God is saying, your love for others is the demonstration of your love for me.

When we obey the WORD, we are in *union with the Creator and all His Creative* **Power and Potential.**

ACCESS TO "ALL THINGS" Cosmos or Olam

Mark 9:23 "23 And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! *All things are possible* for one who believes."

Mark 10:27 "27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For *all things are possible* with God.""

Mark 14:36 "36 And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.""

<u>John 1:3</u> "3 *All things were made through him*, and without him was not any thing made that was made."

John 3:35 "35 The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand."

Romans 8:28 "28 And we know that for those who love God *all things work together for good*, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:32 "32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

Romans 11:36 "36 For *from* him and *through* him and *to* him are *all things*. To him be glory forever. Amen."

UNION WITH THE UNCREATED REALITY AND PLAN OF GOD

GRACE TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES

KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

OBFY<

ABIDE<

BELIEVE <

MANIFEST His Promises.

<u>2 Peter 1:3–4</u> (NIV84)

APPLICATION — Obedience is LOVE is REVELATION — EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD AND GIVE IT AWAY

³ His divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that **through them you may participate in the divine nature** and **escape the corruption** in the world caused by evil desires.