

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION

*Finding Hope, Healing, and
Lasting Freedom Through
Jesus Christ*

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IS POSSIBLE**

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breaks chains.

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stronger than
God's power.



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Have To Define You



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Right Where You Are



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Introduction

Millions of people live with addictions.

Some addictions are visible.

Others are hidden.

Some involve substances.

Others involve behaviors.

Yet all addictions share something in common:

They promise freedom but produce bondage.

Many people trapped in addiction have said:

"I can quit anytime I want."

Yet weeks become months.

Months become years.

And the chains remain.

The good news is that addiction does not have to be the end of your story.

The Bible teaches that real freedom is possible.

1. WHAT IS ADDICTION?

Addiction occurs when something begins to control us.

What may begin as a choice eventually becomes a habit.

The habit becomes a stronghold.

The stronghold becomes bondage.

1 Corinthians 6:12

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: ... I will not be brought under the power of any."

God never intended for anything other than Him to rule our lives.

2. ADDICTION PROMISES WHAT IT CANNOT DELIVER

Addictions often begin because people are searching for something.

Relief.

Comfort.

Peace.

Acceptance.

Escape.

Pleasure.

The problem is that addiction never truly satisfies.

What once required a little eventually requires more.

The temporary relief fades.

The bondage grows.

Proverbs 20:1

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging..."

Addiction promises freedom.

It delivers slavery.

3. THE REAL BATTLE IS OFTEN DEEPER THAN THE ADDICTION

Many addictions are symptoms of deeper wounds.

Pain.

Loneliness.

Rejection.

Fear.

Abuse.

Disappointment.

Trauma.

People often attempt to medicate emotional pain through destructive habits.

The addiction becomes a coping mechanism.

Yet only God can heal the deeper wounds of the heart.

Psalm 147:3

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

4. SIN ALWAYS SEEKS TO ENSLAVE

Jesus taught that sinful habits eventually become masters.

John 8:34

"Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

Many people think they are in control.

Eventually they discover the addiction is controlling them.

The enemy always advertises the pleasure.

He never advertises the chains.

5. JESUS CAME TO SET CAPTIVES FREE

One of the primary reasons Jesus came was to bring deliverance.

Luke 4:18

"He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives..."

Jesus did not come merely to forgive sin.

He came to break bondage.

The power of Christ is greater than the power of addiction.

6. FREEDOM BEGINS WITH HONESTY

Many people remain trapped because they refuse to admit they have a problem.

Healing begins when we stop pretending.

Proverbs 28:13

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Freedom begins when we acknowledge the truth.

You can never be free from that which you cannot admit is binding you.

God cannot heal what we refuse to surrender.

7. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FIGHT ALONE

One of addiction's greatest lies is isolation.

It tells people:

"No one understands."

"No one can help."

The Bible teaches the opposite.

God created us to walk with Him and with others.

James 5:16

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

Freedom often begins when we reach out for help.

8. THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES PEOPLE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Many people attempt to overcome addiction through willpower alone.

Willpower has limits.

Transformation comes through God's power.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."

God does not merely change habits.

He changes hearts.

The Holy Spirit gives power to live differently.

9. RELAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE END

Many people give up after a failure.

They think:

"I tried."

"It didn't work."

"I'll never change."

The Bible is filled with imperfect people who failed and got back up.

Proverbs 24:16

"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again..."

Failure does not have to define your future.

Keep getting back up.

Keep reaching for God.

10. TRUE FREEDOM IS FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST

Programs can help.

Counseling can help.

Support groups can help.

Medical treatment can help.

But ultimate freedom is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

John 8:36

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

The freedom Jesus offers is more than temporary sobriety.

It is freedom for the soul.

Conclusion

Addiction may explain part of your story.

It does not have to write the ending.

Jesus still breaks chains.

Jesus still heals hearts.

Jesus still restores lives.

No addiction is stronger than the grace of God.

Romans 6:14

"For sin shall not have dominion over you..."

Freedom is possible.

Hope is real.

And with God's help, your future can be different from your past.