



SERMON DISCUSSION

Vices or Virtues

Quotable Moments:

- The most freeing thing you can do is give the Holy Spirit authority over you.

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-25,
1 Corinthians 10:23, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Key Things You Heard:

- We long for freedom so much we've determined it's a "right." The right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.
- Deep in our heart, we want freedom from authority so we can pursue happiness through autonomy.
- Sin: Anything that works against what God is working for.
- Our selfish vices are fighting against our faithful virtues.
- "You already have what you want, you just don't know it" ~ Gavin's dad.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for your Holy Spirit who indwells me as a believer. I ask you to forgive me for rebelling against your authority and ignoring the prompting of the Spirit. I understand that freedom does not come from autonomy, but from surrender. Help me to live surrendered to you each and every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Memorize Galatians 5:22.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: Describe a season in your life when you felt the most free.

- Think over the last several weeks. What actions did you take (at home, at work, in the community) that were motivated by a desire for freedom?
- Read Galatians 5:13-14. What is the relationship between freedom and loving your neighbor? Based on this, is freedom viewed as a stewardship or a right?
- Gavin said, "Our nature is to reject authority in pursuit of autonomy." Talk about a time when you lived that out.
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Why do you think it was important for the Apostle Paul to contrast the old person with the new person? When you think that way, how does it help you live differently?
- Read Galatians 5:22-23. How does this "singular" fruit paint a picture of the virtues that living by the Spirit produce? Assess the health of what you see in your life.
- Divide into groups of 2-3 people, discuss the following questions, and pray for each other.
 - What is hindering you from surrendering to the Spirit?
 - Is it pride, is it self-centeredness, is it some other unconfessed sin, or is this a new concept for you?