

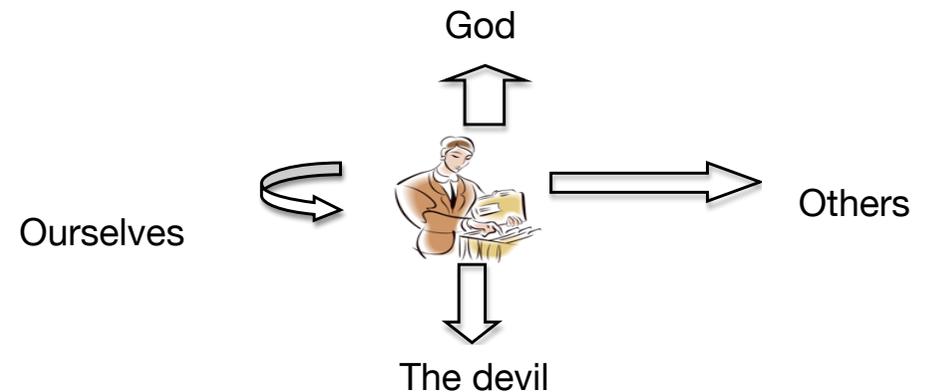
Living Free part 10 - Topos

Genesis 4 & Ephesians 4.20-32

“the truth will set you free”.

What you believe will shape how you live.
Our identity is beloved children with free will, not victims.
The first step of the journey of freedom, is being teachable.

Sin impacts all our relationships.



God.

V18 they are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Sin separates us from God - His forgiveness brings reconciliation

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR HUBLETS OR ALONE.

How does Sin impact each of our relationships?

Is the link between our sin and the enemy's influence new or familiar to you?

How does that link impact your view of the seriousness of sin?

What is your heart reaction to talking about 'enemy access' in our lives?

Why do we need have no fear of 'topos'?

Reflecting on Cain and Abel, which of these contrasts do you engage with:

Grasping - holding lightly
Acquiring - letting go
Possessing - Giving generously
Bargaining with God - Surrendering to God

What are some of the access points for the enemy to gain topos in our lives?

How can a spiritual transaction remove the enemy's grasp of topos?

What one thing will you do differently as a result of this teaching?

If you want a freedom prayer time and are in a Connection hub or small group, how about booking one via sanctuary@stchadsromiley.co.uk

Ourselves

v19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

v22 - your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires

Others

v25 put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.

V26 In your anger do not sin

V28 steal no longer

V29 no unwholesome talk,

V31 get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,

The enemy

V27 and do not give the devil a foothold (topos)

TOPOS (n) Foothold, territory, piece of land, opportunity,

Dealing with topos in our lives is the key step in moving from being **victims** to **victors**.

Cain and Abel

'Cain' - *qana*. - to acquire, gain, possess, own

'Abel' - *breath*, A shallow, fleeting breath, mortal

Genesis 4:7

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. "

The devil's way is to seek to control, grasp, acquire.
The way of God's family, is surrender, trust and dependence.

How does the devil seek to get topos in our lives?

What gives the enemy access to grasp topos?

How can we remove enemy topos and bring everything under Jesus as Lord?