

Living Free part 9 - the 5Rs

1 John 1.5-10 & Ephesians 4.17-32

“the truth will set you free”.

Recap:

- True identity as beloved children, leads to freedom
- We choose Faith, Intimacy & Obedience. Not Fear, Shame & Rebellion
- We live in a spiritual realm, where there is battle going on
- To live in truth is living in God’s story, not our own ‘scrappy first drafts’

GOD’S TRUE STORY

Eternal Truth
 God is light
 We were created
 to be like God

Scrappy first drafts
Rejected by God
Not worthy
“I’m fine”

New Life

Fellowship with God
 New life: New attitude
 Righteous
 Holy
 Truthful
 Fellowship with God
 & with one another
 Kind &
 compassionate
 Forgiving each other

Old Life

Separated from God
 Futile thinking
 Deceit
 Hard hearts
 Sensuality, impurity
 Greed, stealing
 Unwholesome talk

Change

Taught about Jesus
 Honest
 Put off old life
 Forgiven
 Purified

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS FOR HUBLETS OR ALONE.

Start with a really quick personal memory test:

- If alone: Name 3 truths from Living Free which you’ve embraced.
- In Hublets - go round and each name 1 key truth from LF so far.

On the Cross - Jesus was separated from the Father.

Richard placed a strong emphasis on sin and brokenness being rooted in separation from God. How have you experienced separation from God leading to brokenness and sin.

What examples of the ‘childish’ and ‘adolescent’ myths have you seen in films, books, TV shows, conversations, newspaper articles you’ve come across recently?

Why can emphasis on: social forces, genetics and childhood trauma lead us into a ‘victim mindset’?

Is there anything from that list in your life, which has too much influence, which God is calling you to leave behind today?

Are you teachable?

Where and when are you willing to admit you’ve got it wrong?

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

TRANSFORMATION

What you believe will shape how you live.

Created in the image of God - with **free will**.

*'no longer live as the gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking...
separated from the life of God'.*

The Secular stories.

Childish Disney myth - *"you can be whatever you want to be"*.

Adolescent myth - *"Just tolerate me and we'll all be ok."*

Victimhood

Marx: - Social forces - **Land**

Dawkins - evolutionary genetics - **Birth**

Freud - childhood experience - **Father's house.**

Genesis 12:1

Now the Lord said to Abram:
*"Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land that I will show you.*

Ephesians 4:20-24

That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

v21 - Teachable

v22-24 Transaction

Put off your old self

Made new.

Summary

1. We are broken because we're separate from God.
2. Reconciliation comes when we leave behind our past.
3. You are not a victim
4. We start by admitting that we've got it wrong.