



## I Will Free You from Being a Slave

**Ice Breaker:** What is your favorite smell? Is there a smell that you love because it brings back good memories? Share that smell and the memory with your group.

**Read Together:** Luke 22:19 and Exodus 6:6-7

The first cup, the **Cup of Sanctification**, brings us to salvation. We are delivered from the proverbial land of Egypt. Taken out of the land of slavery (sin).

The next cup is **The Cup of Deliverance**.

*“I will free you from being slaves.”*

Pastor Jason had some profound statements regarding the truths of the Cups that are celebrated at Passover. If the enemy cannot keep us from getting saved, he will try to keep us from fulfilling the fullness of our calling. The children of Israel were saved from slavery when Moses led them out of Egypt. However, it did not take long for them to complain and start to cry out to return to their slavery. We need the Cup of Deliverance to help us change the way we THINK so that our salvation will not JUST be in the physical realm. They were “free” as they journeyed through the wilderness, but their minds often wandered back to the “comforts of slavery.”

1. Jesus came to deliver you from your old ways of thinking.

Read Together: Romans 12:2

- If Satan can't keep you from getting saved, he will try to keep you from living the fullness of life that Jesus came to give you.
- Satan does not want you to live a life that is delivered and free. He does not want you to reach the promised land flowing with milk and honey, so he will try to distract you as you journey through wilderness, tempting you through unmet expectations of the Christian life and appeal to you through fond memories of the times that “weren't so bad.”

Remember how Pastor Jason talked about how smell can make us remember things?

- When you shared your memory of a favorite smell, did you get the warm fuzzies or feel love or admiration while you were sharing your memory? The Israelites found themselves pining for things back in Egypt because they had become comfortable in some of their slavery. When they left, God did a very symbolic thing: He told them to wash their clothes. Pastor Jason said it was to “get the stank” of Egypt off of their clothes.
- What are some things that you run back to when God doesn't seem to be meeting your needs? Chocolate? Wine? Soap Operas? Binging a show on Netflix? Road trips to Vegas?
- What is the comfort that you long for when you get caught up in thinking that God is not good?

- How can you “wash your clothes” to get the stank of that comfort zone out of your memory?

## 2. Jesus came to tear down the strongholds in your mind.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:2-5 together.

- God sent Jesus so that we could be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of our mind. That transformation is a change in the way we think. God’s heart is that we would no longer think like a SLAVE, but start thinking like a SON.

Consider the following:

- What are some ways that a slave may think?
- What are ways that a son thinks?
- Whom has a more entitled mindset?

We all live in a body of flesh while we are alive here on earth. We live in a fleshly body, but the battle we wage each day is not a fleshly battle. The weapons we have in God are not carnal, but mighty in God for the PULLING DOWN of strongholds.

- How do we pull down strongholds?
- How do we change our thinking?

## 3. Jesus came to be your deliverer.

**“I will free you from being slaves.”**

Read Luke 4:18 together.

Pray together:

*Father, I am your child. I have accepted you as my Savior and accepted the Cup of Sanctification (your salvation). I know that You want me to walk in the freedom of deliverance. Your Word promises that You have given us a spirit of power, love and a SOUND MIND. Help me tonight to start thinking differently. Reset my smell to remember Your goodness. Help me to recall Your goodness faster than I recall my false comforts. Show me how to renew my mind and focus my thoughts on You. I choose the Cup of Deliverance so that I can walk in the fullness of life that Jesus’ death bought for me on the cross. Help me to experience Your deliverance as I have never experienced deliverance before. Change my thinking to the mind of Christ. In the name of Jesus! Amen!*

Additional References from the message: Colossians 2:17; Colossians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:13,15; Romans 7:18