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Freedom in Christ

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For The King - Rocky Ramsey

William Wallace: [Deliberately.] I am William Wallace, and I see a whole army of my countrymen, here, in defiance of Tyranny. You've come to fight as free men, and free men you are. What will you do without freedom? Will you fight? [Shouts of denial from the crowd.] Blonde Soldier: Fight? Against that? No! [Members of the Scottish army shout in agreement.] We will run! And we will live. William Wallace: Aye. Fight and you may die. Run, and you'll live...at least a while. And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all the days, from this day to that, for one chance - just one chance - to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives [With growing excitement] but they'll never take our freedom!

This week Bryce and I explore the idea of freedom in the scriptures. Some of our favorite moments in film and history involve individuals fighting for freedom. Christ is the ultimate freedom fighter and is the model that all other freedom fighters, knowingly or unknowingly, model when they give their lives for the sake of freedom.

Definition of freedom 1: the quality or state of being free: such as a: the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action

Key Texts: John 8:32,35-36; Galatians 4:1-7,9,21-31; 5:1,13-15; Romans 6:15-23; 8:2,21; Revelation 12:10-12

Resources: <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/why-do-christians-love-law/>

My guest joining me this week on the Sunday series is my brother Bryce. Bryce is getting his undergraduate degree in philosophy and hopes to get his MDiv. from a seminary after he completes his undergrad. He hopes to be a pastor shepherding Gods people one day.

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Transcript

(music) Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Welcome, heirs of the kingdom of God to the For The King podcast, where we recognize, glorify, and praise Jesus as the only true king, the only one with all authority in heaven and earth. Welcome. And this week for our Sunday upload, Bryce and I will be talking about today, freedom, and Jesus as king with the government being on his shoulders, the government of Christ having no end, and having freedom in this king, in this law of this land, this kingdom of God being free.

We want to really dive into the biblical principle, biblical understanding of freedom being bought with the price. Freedom is not freely obtained. So paradoxical, esoteric.

Yeah, that was pretty deep what I said there. Yeah. That's probably why your followers have been expanding the borders of the states.

What are you talking about? You're just so esoteric. Oh, the states we've been reaching? I haven't counted recently. I don't know how many states we're in now.

It's probably all 50. You're kind of like Solomon with all the nations around him come to learn from his wisdom. The wisdom I have is only the word of God, foolishness to the world.

Yeah. And to me, particularly. Yeah, maybe you'll turn around on that eventually.

No, I know. Jesus says, if you call your brother, you fool your subject to the hellfire. So yeah, I can't say that.

Yeah. And I didn't take it back. I didn't mean that.

Ask me for forgiveness in front of the listeners so we can display to them. No. True forgiveness.

I'll do it in private. Behind closed doors. Well, what else do we got to talk about? Any updates? No.

No. No. Okay.

You're just hop right into it. No, I can't think of anything. Nothing.

Yeah. You're done with school. They know that.

All right. They know. Yeah.

They know all that. Done with school, looking for a job, just working on the podcast, that kind of thing. No, no real big updates.

Thanks for praying for our dad. If you guys have been, we did bring that up a few episodes ago. So yep.

He's definitely, he's on hospice and he's near at the end of life. So thanks for those that have prayed. Okay.

Let's hop into it. That sound great. How's it doing? Okay.

Where are we going first? Well, you're the host of the podcast. So I would figure that you would lead out on it. I didn't know if you wanted to say something.

I can, I can, I can, now I'm just joking. Let's just go to the book of John first since that was, we had a lot in there. Let's do that.

Yeah. And again, we want to talk about the theme of freedom. It's obtained by blood always.

And Jesus patterns it for all history. Anytime you gain freedom is patterned after our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, your blood on the cross. Yeah.

You want to do certain John chapter eight? Yep. Okay. So we're going to be in John chapter eight.

We're going to do verses 32, 35, 36, hang around in that, that region of the text. So do you have some that you particularly wanted to read? I can just read it. Yeah.

Just go that whole section. So Jesus says, if you abide in my word and you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. And then Jesus is later on in verse 34, Jesus answered them, truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

The slave does not remain in the house forever. The son remains forever. So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Amen. So we see right out right off the bat, Jesus sets people free. And what he's teaching right here is that the only way that you can become free is if he sets you free, who the son sets free is free indeed.

But prior to that, everyone practices sin. And because of that, there was slave to sin. So we see slavery, we're in bondage, we're slaves to sin, slaves to unrighteousness.

Like Paul says in Romans six, you know, we are free in regards to righteousness. We can't do it. But Jesus sets us free from that.

And obviously, we all know the way that Jesus bought our freedom is by his own blood. And we'll get into that with some of the other passages. But Jesus sets us free because

he is glorified now seated at the right hand of the Father after he made purification for sense.

That's what Hebrews chapter one says it's after he made purification for sense, I sat down. His enthronement as king was not prior to him bleeding on the cross. It was after he came down in the incarnate.

That was his coronation. Right. I've heard those Wilson kind of describe it as that that was his coronation ceremony.

He was the king when he came into right. They were praising him as king. And just from what I read at the beginning of the podcast, pilots asking him, are you can't do just like, you said so I am the king.

But yeah, his coronation, his enthronement didn't happen till after he made purification for sins. And then he sat down on the throne over above all dominion, rule and authority. Right.

Yeah. And that's the beauty of the incarnation. He lays aside his glory, which is why he prays in John chapter 17, Father, give me the glory that I had with you.

Not any sort of divinity that he's laying aside as some heretics teach, but he's laying aside his glory by shrouding it in here in flesh as he comes to gain his kingdom that was for man. But man blew it. And from eternity past, God had planned a destined for his son to come exactly and be enthroned on high.

Exactly. So that really highlights the freedom with which Jesus grants us. And that is a beauty that comes only from the king.

Only a king can grant such freedom. Another slave cannot make another slave free. Yeah.

Only the one who is the master can set someone free. And I think that's the beautiful point that Jesus is drawing here. If the sun sets you free, there's the condition, then you will be free indeed.

The sun must set you free. And the way that you are set free is by his blood upon faith and repentance. And Jesus is glorious work on the cross.

Exactly. All right. So question, anticipated question.

If Jesus does set us free, if we are truly, you know, it says in verse 34, truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. So if we're enslaved to sin, we have a ton of New Testament passages talking about now we're, now we're bond servants and slaves of Christ, slaves of God. So it seems like we went from one type of slavery to another type of slavery.

How is this truly freedom? How can Jesus claim this is freedom? Yeah. Yes. You want to hit that or I can go into that.

You can go on and I can hop on. Okay. I'm going to go to Galatians and hit on that real quick because that's going to help us talk about this correctly.

So I'm going to read this Galatians chapter four versus 21 till the beginning of five. And then I'm going to read more towards the end of five. So tell me who desired to be under the law.

Do you not listen to the law for it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by slave woman, one by free woman, but the son of the slave was born according to the flesh while the son of the free woman was born according to, sorry, through promise. Now this may be interpreted allegorically. These women are two covenants.

One is from Mount Sinai bearing children for slavery. She is Hagar Abraham's other wife, the slave woman that they were trying to, because of their barrenness, they tried to take things into their own hands to create the freedom that God had promised of being descendants numerous stars and a nation and kingdoms and all this stuff. They try to take into their own hands.

So she was born through slavery through Hagar, or sorry, the child was. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia. She corresponds to the present Jerusalem for she is in slavery with her children.

So Paul is saying the present Jerusalem, those leaders run by the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the religious leaders of the day among Pontius Pilate that was overseeing that region, all these kings and rulers is presently in slavery. That's what Paul is saying. And then he says this, but the Jerusalem above is free and she is our mother.

So how can he say that she's free? How is she not Jerusalem being interpreted allegorically, not this Jerusalem above, not enslaved? Because God is the one that sets the parameters for human existence. God is the one that makes the rules. God is the creator.

So he sets up what freedom actually is. Now you can use the word slavery to just talk about decision making. No matter what, you are always, you're always, I don't know where I was going with that.

Please, please, please, I don't know where I was going with that. Oh, sorry. No matter what, you're always constrained by your decisions by some other power.

So even God himself operates under the laws of logic. God cannot lie. God cannot sin.

Does that mean that God is enslaved? No, God is free to do whatever he wants. Sinning

is actually a lesser. Sinning is actually true enslavement to something that is lesser.

That's not true. That's not what human existence is supposed to be. So God is in no way enslaved and his ways are actually true freedom.

God is, God is what freedom is and sin is a distortion of that. Right. So we, if we want to say that our enslavement to righteousness now, to Christ is true bad slavery, then this is a foolish way of thinking.

Then we would have to charge God with being enslaved to those things and actually not truly free. But you're always constrained by that, which is good by the standard that is God. He sets the standard and he never goes against himself.

You never, yeah. So another way you can think about it too is with an analogy of, let's say we have a cardinal and you're cardinal. A cardinal.

Yeah. Cute little bird. Preus bird.

Very pretty. That's not our state bird is it? No, I think so. It's our state bird.

I have no idea. It's probably the bald eagle. I mean, Indiana is sweet like that.

That's the American bird dude. We took it over. One second.

So imagine that you put little like a ball and chain on the wings of it. That's what sin brought. The bird was unable to flap its wings.

It's a slave to that bondage. Yet Christ set us free in such a way that now we go back to the created order, the way that we were intended to be, which is synonymous with the ball and chain being taken off. And this analogy will break down at various points.

But the point is you're a slave once again to the way you're supposed to be in terms of righteousness. It says in Ecclesiastes that God made man upright. Yet Adam and Eve fell and they received a punishment by God cursing the ground and cursing the woman's womb, which was the effects of sin being brought into the world.

So you see the unbondage because of sin and yet the slavery to righteousness, which is actually true freedom. We can fly once more. We can, instead of being free in regards to righteousness where we can do no good, now we are Christ's workmanship created for good works that we would walk in them.

So now we have the freedom to walk. We're not shackled. We're not shackled to our legs anymore.

We're not blinded in our eyes, but our eyes are open. We can see the sun and all of its beauty, both the S-U-N and the S-O-N. So yeah, slavery isn't inherently wicked in that

specific terminology.

And that's the key point. There's different, obviously slavery in terms of when we, the normal usage of that term is very wicked and heinous. But when we use it in this general sense in terms of being a slave to righteousness or a slave to Christ, it's not something that's wicked.

And one verse that would go along with this is in the law in Exodus 21. You see this in verse five, and it says, "But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children, I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an owl, and he shall be his slave forever." But surely this isn't something wicked. Slavery back in the Old Testament, and a lot of aspects would be in order to, it was like a social program in order to save people who were in bondage to poverty and things like that.

So when we think about it, we need to use it in that general usage. And that specifically, he loves his master. And it's the same thing with us.

We say the same thing with Christ, our King. We love our master, and he gives us good, gracious gifts in his righteousness. Yeah.

And just to go back to the ball of eagle thing analogy, the ball of eagle still is constrained to all sorts of things. Hold up. It was a cardinal.

Oh, you still wanted the cardinal? Cardinal. Okay, we'll go back to the cardinal. The cardinal is still constrained by certain things.

It's not free in the sense that it can do literally whatever it wants, but it does everything that it wants to do. That was the best thing for it, the thing it was made to do. So I just wanted to push that analogy a little further too.

And just going back to slavery, right? That slave, what does that, in Exodus, that kind of slavery, what does he or she want to do? They want to serve their master. They actually, they love it. And that's the same thing.

Voluntary. Voluntarily. Yeah.

And that's the same thing with what's being talked about here. It's not a slavery against your will. It's actually the type of slavery that's being talked about here is just you're unable to choose anything else.

Right. And that, and now we have the freedom. Yeah, exactly.

And it's not a, you're not being forced. That kind of slavery is evil, forced. You have the freedom to choose whatever you want best.

Yeah. And I don't think people understand that kind of thought about slavery. And I'm actually, you go listen to part three of me and Keegan debating.

We talk a lot about slavery because Keegan was just honed in on it. And this should help explain a lot of the things I was saying in there. So a few more verses talking about in Galatians, if I back up a little bit to the beginning of four, he says, I mean, the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything.

And he is under guardians and managers until the day is set and his father in the same way. We also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullest of the time had come, God sent forth a son born out of the law to redeem us.

We're under the law so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the spirit, a spirit of a son into our hearts, crying out of a father. So you are no longer a slave, but a son of a son that an heir through God.

Yeah. So that's the extent of the slavery of Christ. So we're an heir.

You're an heir. So you're still a slave, a hundred percent, but now you have every blessing. You have everything you ever wanted and you're freely, you're freely choosing to come to Christ.

Well, think about it too. It's kind of like Joseph. Yeah.

Like Joseph was still technically Pharaoh's slave. Yeah, exactly. He was literally in the, by the perception of the people, he was the top dog.

Yeah. Right. Pharaoh said, to the people who were wanting to get grain because of the famine, go to Pharaoh, whatever Pharaoh says, go, I'm sorry, go to Joseph, not Pharaoh, go to Joseph, whatever Joseph says goes.

Yeah. So in a sense, Joseph was a slave. Oh yeah.

Well, he still was a slave. He was sold into slavery and yeah, he was never free the whole time, but he was, that's the point. He was free.

And that's what we're going to get to. He was free to do righteousness. He fled potter for his wife.

He treated the cupbearers kindly and treated Pharaoh and did the work that he was supposed to do and then loved his father, his father and his, his brothers and Jacob's sons when they came to Egypt and all that, he was still free to do righteousness the whole time. Right. And he was not enslaved to the elementary principles of this world.

Right. Which is what Paul was talking about. So he kind of, Paul talks, he ends this

section in Galatians by saying in verse 31 of chapter four, so brothers, we are not children of the slave, but of the free woman saying you are children heirs adopted into the heavenly Jerusalem, which comes down from above, which is what the kingdom of God, which is what this whole podcast is about the kingdom of God and the King Jesus.

We are his heirs and we are sons of him. Right. And then he says, he starts off the next chapter in Galatians chapter five one with this for freedom.

Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. And then later on in that same section, he says, for you were called to freedom after he is talking about all these people, either easy, easily submitting back to a yoke of slavery of teaching and abandoning the gospel, which sets you free.

He says, for you were called the freedom brothers only do not use your freedom as an opportunity through the flesh, but through love, serve one another for the whole law is fulfilled in one word. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

And this is what slavery is. It's destructive. Right.

This kind of slavery to sin, destructive, you'll consume one another, you'll destroy one another. But freedom in Christ is literally what humans were made to be. Right.

That's the kind of freedom we're talking about here. But but technically, you're still enslaved to always under his authority. That's how Adam and Eve were made.

They were under the authority of God, but God gave them dominion by his grace and by his mercy. Yeah. And that is true slavery in terms of what we want in righteousness rather than an involuntary, wicked consumption of your entire being of who you are.

Exactly. Yeah. So always under the authority of God, under his kingdom.

And that's the way the method by how that is accomplished is on the cross. Like I said, okay, that's where I wanted to go next. Yeah.

Let's talk about now how he earns that force and how that's played out through history through our examples. Yeah. And it even says that in that verse that Jesus came under the law to redeem those under the law.

Yeah. And as it says, "Cursed is everyone who's hung on a tree." Yeah. The Jesus became sin on our behalf, though he was without it.

He became sin as the wrath of God was poured out on him. And he took our place and he gave us his righteousness freely. And that's why it's such a glorious gift.

That's why we can be co-heirs and co-conquerors is because when the father looks at us,

he sees his son's righteousness. Right. We have those royal robes on just like Joseph did, even though we're slaves.

Exactly. So another verse we can go to is in Romans chapter eight verses one through four. And this is very common.

Most people know this section, but it says this, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

By sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." Jesus became a life-giving spirit to us upon the cross. He bled, but not only that, but he received God's full wrath. So even though Jesus is the pattern through all history of how freedom is obtained, his is preeminent and stands head over shoulders taller than all these other examples that we're going to bring up, because not only did he bleed, not only did he die of physical death, but he received the wrath of God.

Yeah. For all sin. He condemned sin in the flesh.

That's a universal statement right there. He condemned sin in the flesh. And that's something we always constantly have to look to.

We have to look at the cross and see what Jesus did, but also something that's unlike any of these other examples, is that grave, that tomb. It's empty. There's not a single bone in there.

Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, and that's why he's the King. So when we look at these examples, notice how they fall short. We're going to see periods of freedom, and always come back into bondage.

You always see that happen. It's a pattern throughout history. Freedom is obtained always for a short while.

We need a greater sacrifice, and that comes with Christ. Yeah. And he's resurrected, so we can trust in him.

Wait real quick before we move on from Romans 8. To coincide with Galatians chapter 4, in verse 15 of chapter 8 of Romans, Paul says, "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption as sons by whom we cry of a father." So I just want to reiterate that. What did Jesus win for us on the cross? We are reconciled back into the family and household of God. The Gentiles are engrafted in.

That's why literally in the next couple chapters, he's going to start talking about that in Romans 11, 10 and 11, talking about the Gentiles being engrafted in. Bryce and I are Gentiles. If you're listening, you're probably a Gentile, not an ethnic Jew.

Besides Mitch, if you're listening, you're a Jew. Yeah, he's a straight up Jew. He's a straight up Jew.

But obviously, the Jews are, the fullness of the Jews will come in, and the Gentiles are coming in, and now we can be sons of God. And this is what slavery is like in the kingdom of God. You're an heir, you're a son, you have an inheritance, you have blessing and riches in Christ.

That's what it's like in this kingdom. And Jesus won it all on the cross by his blood. A sacrifice was laid out first before freedom was ever obtained.

And it's even as Ephesians 1 describes too, we already have every blessing in the happening places. Because of what Christ has done. We don't need any more.

We have all the blessings, we have all the love from God, all the glory, because of Christ, because of the King. And what we do as the church, as God's people, as we overcome by God's blood, and a verse we can go to, to highlight this of our war that we continue to labor on, because we're still on this earth. It's in Revelation 12 verses 10 through 12.

And it says, "And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come. For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down. He accuses them day and night before our God, and they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.

For they love not their lives even unto death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them, but woe to you, O earth, and sea. For the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows his time is short.'" So Jesus has come and he has cast down the devil.

Colossians 2.15, he has triumphed over the principalities and powers by the cross. Hebrews 2.14, Jesus said, or Jesus comes to destroy the work of the devil, says it again in 1 John. Jesus has triumphed over these guys.

Jesus has cast down Satan. Satan can no longer accuse the brothers because Jesus is our advocate before the Father. That's why God now can be the just and the justifier of those who have faith in Jesus.

And this is, we go back to a propitiation for that if you want to go look at that episode. But the way we overcome is by the blood of the Lamb, because we overcome in our freedom of Christ. And I guess so we can start getting into some of these examples.

Yeah, that really highlights. That's pretty much all the scripture that just started talking about how freedom is won. What was, what, how does freedom work in the scriptures? Like, what is freedom? What is slavery? Right.

Just a quick recap of everything we just talked about. Slavery is true slavery, is slavery to sin and death. You have now, as a human, when you're enslaved and bondage to sin, you have destroy, bless you, or cough you, whatever that was.

You have destroyed price, please. Sorry. Was that a sneeze? That was a cough.

Poor guy. Yeah, I got a bunch of borax. You have destroyed everything that you were supposed to be as a human and Satan, you are in a kingdom, Satan's kingdom that wants to destroy you.

That does not want you to flourish. It does not want to bless you, but wants to tear you down and destroy you. That is slavery.

That is what American slavery was like. Maybe not all the time, but most of the time, tearing people down. Slavery all throughout human history has usually been like that, tearing people down, not treating them rightly.

But the Jews were commanded to treat their slaves well and to love their slaves, that kind of thing. What do you have some say? Well, it's even like, I remember one time when you went to the abortion clinic to preach the gospel, you were talking about that one guy who was kind of wacko, but he was saying some right stuff. He was saying, it's like Satan wants you to slit your throats or something like that.

Yeah. He said, he said, Satan wants you to blow your brains out. Well, he, Satan is so happy when he sees somebody commit suicide and blow their brains out.

Like that's what he wants you to do. What does that sound like? That's part of enslavement. Yeah, exactly.

People feel as if they have no other option. Yeah. That's because they don't know freedom.

Exactly. So let's get into some examples. So yeah, just to the finish the recap, freedom is bought by blood.

I'm done with the refreedom is bought by sacrifice. That's who Christ is. This is what the scriptures attest to.

Now let's move into some examples. Cool. Which when you think of the first one, I mean, oh, sorry, you go, dude.

No, you go. Well, an obvious one is the American revolution. Yeah.

So we had just, it is just crazy. Yeah, we just, yeah. Fourth of July was yesterday celebrating independent stay gainer, independence from great Britain.

There were tyrannical bondage like things happening to America during this time. They would quarter their troops and people's homes. They would tax them like crazy when they had no right to, they wanted to tear down the colonists.

They wanted to tear down the colonies, not build them up. They were breaking laws to see them destroyed and the colonists fought back. The colonies America, they fought back against the tyranny of great Britain and they won their freedom.

But how did it happen? What did it take? Did they just go before the King and ask? And then he said, yeah, you know what? You're right. Did they win it by words? Like yes, words are important. Words, like common sense by Thomas Paine was a big work that was passed around that got people all fired up to go to the war, go to war and that kind of thing.

But what did it take? It took people's lives. It took sacrifice. It took all of that.

It wasn't just one overnight. It took time, sacrifice, blood, all these things. And to establish a nation, I mean, America is very unique in a lot of ways.

It's not unique enough to in the sense that it's not going to ever fall like other nations have fell. I imagine it'll fall eventually and go downhill. But it was very unique in the freedoms that were given to each person.

Right. Endowed by their creator as a Christian nation. That was unique.

And that was cool. And one really good film. Still is cool.

Yeah. To some extent. Yeah.

The Patriot. It's a really good film that Mel Gibson directed and he's the main character. You know, that's why he always is the best guy because he also directed it.

Exactly. He's like, I'll be the cool character. Yeah.

But when you look at that, it is fictional, but there are historical elements to it. Like the last battle, Kelpens, that Nathaniel Green headed up, they won the battle. And that was the turning tide of the war.

Many people died. There was so much bloodshed. But when you watch that movie, the Patriot, you see a father who is negligent to go actually into the war and his sons, the war ends up coming to him and a couple of his sons end up dying throughout the process.

And through that bloodshed, it made him want to fight more and more for freedom because he couldn't just go and live the life that he wanted because the war was coming to him. Yeah. But even still, the war like Rocky is describing the American Revolution, we are blessed in this country.

We have a lot of wimps now who aren't wanting to fight at all for truth for the foundation of the constitution that we have. But when we look back, we see manly men who laid down their lives to obtain this freedom. And again, we see it.

It's always temporal for this physical element of these people who are patterned after Christ. It's not something that ever lasts longingly. Rome fell.

They had freedom in Rome. They conquered land through the Greco-Roman Empire, as it were, America in the same way. But all these nations are going to last.

The only thing that's sure is the freedom with which Christ has given us. Exactly. Because that's eternal freedom that he grants us.

Even now in America, those freedoms are being eroded and they're slowly going away. Yeah, freedom does not last. In this world, the kind of freedom that men buy never lasts.

But Jesus bought it and it always lasts. We can't fork it up either. Because a lot of times we'll see in our society, particularly, men will give up their freedom and they'll give up their privacy for a government that they just depend upon.

Yeah. So they fork it up themselves. They give it over themselves.

Exactly. But yeah, it's got to be kept. Right.

Freedom bought by men must be kept. Right. The freedom by Christ is already bought and Jesus keeps it.

And it's kept by him through us because he enables us to live according to exactly the word. Yeah. And sanctifies us and purifies us by the power of his spirit.

Yeah. Okay. Another big example.

World War II. We have Nazi Germany, fascist Italy, Benito Mussolini. And then we have Japan, like imperialist Japan.

That's like, I forget, I don't know who their leader was actually, but I know it was Mussolini for Italy and then Adolf Hitler. I don't know. I was facing the name.

He's like one of the biggest names. And yeah, there was, think about the slavery and think about the bondage that these people were in versus the allies, Axis versus allies powers. And how was freedom won? I mean, yeah, the 20th century was the bloodiest

century in America.

Sorry, in world history. Just a private like crazy. And it all was fought because of the bondage and slavery that was on the, the axis powers and the allies came and fought against this.

Right. It would have been, been a much different world in terms of freedom if they had, Adolf had won. Right.

It would be much different. So I think that's another great example. Think about all the, especially D-Day Normandy.

That's what freedom takes. Right. That's crazy that those guys did that.

They literally ran into a nested machine gun fire, just getting massacred. They ran into it and they took the beach. They like actually did it.

And then after that, it was just a slow march all the way to Berlin. Right. And then they won the war, but like it took great initial sacrifice at the beginning.

That's a good, I think that how that, sorry, how that unfolded really good reminder of our faith. Like that was kind of the turning kind of the turning point of the war to some extent, just like the turning point of the war against Satan was when Jesus died and was resurrected. It was basically the war was one.

It's just now we got to play it out and finish, finish all these little battles in between. Right. And that's what we do now in the kingdom of God as followers of Christ, as his church, Jesus already won that, that decisive, extremely bloody sacrificial battle already that none of us could have ever done.

Just like Normandy and D-Day. That was like, that was like the huge sacrifices, lots of lives lost this initial thing. But after that, it was like not easy, but now it secured the rest of that basically.

Right. So yeah, World War II is another great example of freedom being won by. Another film is Braveheart.

Yeah. I mean Braveheart is such a good movie. Did you, have you finished it? Yeah, I watched it.

Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

Man, I haven't seen that up until about... Bryce and I never watched it growing up, but we've never seen it until this year. Somebody hid it from our eyes, but I saw it like four months ago and I think I've seen it at least four times since then. But man, that is a killer movie.

Yeah. It's so awesome. It's like, I mean, you know, this character William Wallace, who is a historical character? You have Sir Henry? I can't remember.

Based on a story. Yeah. Longshanks? I can't, no, no, no.

I'm talking about, there's a guy who wrote a book on, Oh, oh. On these life and stuff. This mythology in a sense of William Wallace, even though myth, it does have fictional elements, but it's pretty much historical.

Do a lot of it as well. But man, William Wallace was this guy who just, he inspired the Scots to go against the... Longshanks. To rent, to rent a longshanks.

But yeah, this guy was a tyrant. He was taking away the freedom of the people and it got to the point where his wife ends up getting killed. And this guy... He institutes pre-Monocla, which is an evil and slavery forcing upon people against the rights.

Right. That's true slavery. Exactly.

And he recognizes the freedom that needs to be obtained for Scotland. And that's the whole point. You know, you have this, this one really important battle early on and he's riling the people up and he says, what will you do without freedom? Yeah.

And they start standing up straight and he says, will you fight? And they say, no, that gets that. We will run. We will live.

We will live. Yeah. He says, what do you say? Fight.

Or he says, fight and you will for a while. Fight and you will die for a little while. Die in your bed years from now.

Yeah. And then he's like, what will you do with this one chance? He said, would you trade all that for this moment to gain your freedom? Yeah. Will you trade all your days? All your days of being enslaved and having a low quality of life rather than being free.

Right. And they go into this battle and they win against these, you know, the English, well-equipped killer Calvary. Lots of money.

Well-equipped soldiers, trained soldiers. The actual, the movie paints it in a very just barbaric warfare. Like the way that he actually won the battle was actually really sweet when you look at the historical account, but we're not going to get it all.

As a strategist. Yeah. Like he was very strategic.

It wasn't just brute strength, but they lost men there, but it keeps going on all the way until the end. You know, they end up, you know, he gets betrayed. He goes all the way before the King and the scene at the end.

I mean, if I know, I know purification. Yeah, it is purification. And this is the spoilers, but I mean, if you haven't seen it, I mean, I didn't see it until four months ago, but you should have seen it.

But before he's about to die, get his head cut off. The guy says the prisoner wants to say something. Yeah.

The whole point of this purification is to get him to kiss the ring, the signet ring, or the symbol of the King and basically apologize. And then they'll kill him. And bow straight back down to slavery.

And then, yeah, to go back into slavery. And then, and then they'll kill him. Yeah.

But so what you do, he doesn't want to bow down to slavery. He wants Scotland to be free. Yeah.

And what does he cry out? It takes a moment to like, it's very dramatic. You know, he's getting, he's in the process. He's just getting emasculated.

Exactly. Yeah. And he ends up just crying out freedom.

Yeah. He just cries it out. It's just, it's a grilled guttural, like he's dying.

Yeah. And he gets it out. And that's the, and then he dies.

Yeah. But think about afterwards. Okay.

He's left in the grave. Jesus rose again. We have more power, more dominion from that.

He's left in the grave, but the people of Scotland are inspired. Yeah. And they ride out with Robert de Bruce.

Yeah. Robert de Bruce. And he says, fight with me.

Um, will you believe with me like Wallace? Exactly. And it rolls them up and they're ready to go. And they obtain their freedom.

Right. And it's always by blood, which freedom is obtained. Yeah.

And we need to not forget about that. Yeah. And I think a big point you lit, you can live as if you're free until they kill you.

Yeah. Um, Jesus lived in the freedom of the spirit, this is spirit, the spirit of Christ, um, as God himself, he lived freely, righteous his whole life. And he was going to continue to do that.

Obviously the four knowledge of God knew that they would kill him, but he was going to

continue to do that until they killed him. They would either have to kill him or he would, he would never relinquish his freedom. So what's the way that they're going to have to do that? Stop him from being free.

They have to kill him. Sandy was William Wallace. He actually never submitted to the King.

Therefore he actually was never enslaved. He never paid homage. He never did the premonocca thing.

He married his wife in secret, all that he resisted all of that until he died. Well, and think about it too, Jesus, it also isn't as if they have taken something from him. Yeah, exactly.

He get, they think this is all their stop. The only thing they can take from his life. Interrupting me.

I'm sorry. Oh, sorry. Sorry.

I know it's exciting. Do it. Um, finish it.

They, they, they come to kill him and they think that they're stopping this rebellion that's being stirred up, you know, from the, the lower, uh, you know, the lower regions and galleons, the centers, the tax collectors, exactly. All the centers, the prostitutes, they're all getting there. They get there.

They're trying to stop this rebellion. Yeah. And they say, look, the whole world has gone after him to follow him.

Right. So they're like, we got to kill this guy. But all the while Jesus is in his mind.

This is the fullness of time. This is what I have set aside for myself. I have come voluntarily.

No one takes my life from me. Yeah. I give it to them.

Like thinking about like Jesus is meek. And what does that mean? It means he is powerful, restrained power and it's your self-restraint power. He could have killed all of them if he wanted, but he didn't.

Why? Because this was his mission. He wanted to come and die for the sins of his people and set them free. And they over, and that's the point of Revelation 12.

And they overcome by his blood. We don't overcome by our blood. We don't overcome by us fighting for freedom.

We overcome it because of the blood of Christ. He has set us free and we run and we fight in that righteousness. And this is why Rocky and I are always very heavy on God's

kingdom and on the King in particular is because this is who we fight for.

We fight for not someone like William Wallace, not someone like Winston Churchill, not someone like Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, all these guys. We don't fight for them. We fight for Christ because he has an eternal kingdom.

And as it says in Revelation 12, we have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. All these other kingdoms, they'll be shaken. They'll fall.

Their foundations will crumble. But we have a King who died and rose again. And we have freedom guaranteed forever and ever.

Amen. So those are our big examples we wanted to share with you guys how we've seen this type of Christ figures all throughout history, where they sacrifice themselves for the people. But even humans again, it's never perfect.

Yeah. And you never keep your freedom forever. So I think we're all done.

Hopefully that was encouraging, guys. Love you, brothers and sisters out there. Hope that was able to give you guys courage to go into the battle and remember how we wage war guys through the gospel.

We don't try to kill people. That's not what God has called us to do. He's called us to proclaim the gospel.

This is how we wage war against the culture. We resist tyranny, evil, elementary principles of the world by proclaiming the gospel and the freedom that's in Christ. That's what we proclaim.

This is how we wage war. So go out, serve your King. Let's do this together.

Bryce and I are doing this over in our little corner. And you guys can do it in your little corner. We're doing it right along with you.

Check out the website. I've continued to add updates, blog posts, posting the episodes. I added a page that just outlines the gospel and what I think about the gospel.

I'm still doctoring up a little bit, but it's just a pretty one to two page paper just about the gospel. That's been good. So check that out.

Leave a rating, review, like, share the podcast so it can continue to spread so the gospel will go to the ends of the earth. Yeah, keep sharing it, guys. We really appreciate it.

For those of you that do share it, that's awesome and much appreciated. You heard the new intro. I'm going to start reading that text as the intro now because I always just say, "Hey, for the King listeners, I want to start having like a legit intro to the podcast." So I

also want to have an outro.

So here it is. It's from 1 Timothy 1, 17. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen. Go serve your King. Soledale Gloria.

For the King. For the King. For the King Jesus.