

“Real Men Fight for Freedom”
Series: Real Men in the Real World

Text: 1 Peter 2:16

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Series Key Verse: *1 Peter 2:16 “Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.”*

I. _____ FREEDOM

Luke 4:17-21 ¹⁷“The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸‘The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ ²⁰“Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹and he began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’ ”

II. _____ FREEDOM

Matthew 26:39-43 ³⁹“Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’ ⁴⁰“Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. ‘Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?’ he asked Peter. ⁴¹‘Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.’ ⁴²“He went away a second time and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.’ ⁴³“When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.”

III. _____ FREEDOM

Galatians 5:1 “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

2 Peter 2:18-19 [Beware of False Prophets] ¹⁸“For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. ¹⁹“They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.”