

SERMON NOTES



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Why Church On The Rock Exists: Why we do what we do

1. Help People Know God
 2. Help People Find Freedom
 3. Help People Discover Their Purpose
 4. Help People Make A Difference
- The “why” is the right motive.
 - When you have the right motive, you will have the right motivation.
 - We help people find freedom and to be free.
 - God wants us free from our past, addictions, hurts, etc.
 - Free people – Free people!
 - We are to live an unrestrained life free from the past, wrong decisions and circumstances.
 - In our Christian walk, we are to live in freedom.

Ephesians 1:3 – 7 (MSG)

³⁻⁶ How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we’re a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

- Jesus wants to take you to the high places.
- Jesus wants to see you soar.
- Jesus wants to take you to places where there are blessings in Him.
- Focus on the positive and live an abundant life.

Five Ways To Find Freedom:

1. Right Heart –

- Honest
- Humble
- Hard Work

Isaiah 57:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

2. Right Thoughts –

- Everything that happens to us is not God's will.
- Strongholds are in our mind and are lies.
- What you allow in your thoughts and mind this is a lie, keep you from God's fullest potential.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV)

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Ephesians 4:22 – 24 (AMP)

²² That, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, ²³ and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], ²⁴ and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation].

- God's word helps us to reframe and rethink our thoughts.
- To be free come by having the right thoughts, constantly renewing your mind to have a fresh mental and spiritual attitude.
- Put on the new nature.

3. Right Power –

- Having supernatural power.
- Where the Holy Spirit is there is power and freedom.
- Declare daily, "Holy Spirit you are Lord over my thoughts."

2 Corinthians 3:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

4. Right Friends –

Proverbs 13:20 (KJV)

²⁰ He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

5. Right Environment –

- Praise is the right environment.
- All negative thoughts melt away when you are in the presence of God.
- In God's presence, there is fullness of joy.
- Create your environment through praise and worship. God will show you your path in life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the meaning of "The Why?"
2. What are the five ways you can find freedom and live in freedom?
3. Daily Declaration: "Holy Spirit you are Lord over my thoughts."