

Exodus 6:1-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; Mark 10:32-45

## - **We are enslaved by the things that haunt our rest!**

- We are called to slaves/servants of God’s grace, but to NOT be enslaved by anything else! oppression seeks to silence the hope that God speaks! (Exodus 6:9)
- The bondage of slavery reduces our God-given humanity to the sum of our usefulness.
- The Devil disrupts our ability to offer our neighbors and ourselves the benefit of ‘best construction’ so that we see THEM as the enemy to be used for our benefit.

## - **Satan works in the shadow of our insecurity...**

**...Christ abolishes any dark power over us and gives Light to His power in us!**

- Everyone is addicted to something, the weakness of our flesh is bound to filling our voids!
  - The Devil hopes to keep us in the vicious cycle of our sin. (Romans 7:15-20)
  - The baggage of our bondage inhibits our ability to have any hope beyond it.
  - The weight of the chains remain the same regardless of how many links are added!

“...God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

- The grace of God breaks every chain regardless of length or frequency of forging!!

## - **We are called, as the church, to be a slave of the Gospel for the sake of ALL people being free!**

- Our freedom in Christ compels us to be everyday abolitionists with the grace of God!
  - EVERY life is precious and deserves to have their identity in God’s image cared for!
  - We do not get to trivialize the nature of another’s claim of bondage, but are called to accept that our struggle is bound to their’s! (Ephesians 2:1-3)
  - You are never too far down the path to be found...no one is! (Exodus 6:5)
- While we battle that which enslaves us, Christ re-creates us as HIS workmanship!
- Whether your spirit is broken or your ambitious for authority...  
“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

