

NOW THAT YOU KNOW SET FREE • PART 2

INTRODUCTION

We all want to do what's right all the time, but we sometimes we end up doing what we don't want to do. It seems unavoidable. If we can't even live by our own standards, how are we supposed to live by God's? In this message, we explored what the Apostle Paul wrote about God's grace and Jesus' power over sin in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Has a person in your life ignored good advice and suffered for it? How did you respond to that person's choices?
2. Talk about a time when you did something—big or small—that you knew was a bad idea. Why did you do it even though you knew it wasn't wise? What consequences did you suffer?
3. Have you ever been angry at yourself? Explain.
4. Read Romans 6:1–4. Why is it difficult to live out the truth that Jesus has freed us from the power of sin?
5. When you sin, do you tend to avoid God by not praying or opening the Bible? Why?
6. What is one lie about your life that you need to begin to tell yourself the truth about? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

When you became a Christian you were taken *out* of Adam and baptized *into* Christ. What was true of Adam was true of you: you were condemned, guilty, unrighteous, a slave of sin. In Christ, what is true of Christ is true of you: you're free from sin.

Choose an area of your life that Paul's struggle reminds you of. As you begin your wrestling match, whisper: *Sin is not my master. I am dead to sin but alive to God.*

CHANGING YOUR MIND

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 6:11