



What Do I Do If I Don't Feel Free? | Ronnie Johnson | 6.6.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**Beach? Mountains? Lake? City? Where would you like to go for your next weekend getaway?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ronnie started our new summer series called Yard Sale! He gave a message called, What Do I Do If I Don't Feel Free? Before we dive into the Weekly, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick that number?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is showing you in your walk with him lately?**

GROW

**Read John 8:1-11**

**Which verse stuck out to you from this passage?**

**What do you know about the context of this passage?**

**What did you learn about God in this story?**

The passage you just read is filled with God's grace and his mercy for humanity. God meets us in our brokenness and sin just as he met the woman in this passage. He met her just the way he meets us, with loving kindness.

In the story this woman, who was absolutely guilty, a sinner with no defense, was dragged in for her death sentence by the religious leaders to the man who called himself the Son of God. Culturally, she was already considered "less than" just for being a woman and she was caught in the act of adultery. Yet the sinless Son of God, our redeemer, looked at her, just as he looks at me and you, and said there is grace and mercy even for this. "Neither do I condemn you," said Jesus. "Go and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)

Her world forever changed. She was free. Not only had a second chance to live a restored life, free from the lifestyle she was caught up in, but Jesus saw her. Just as he sees you and me. She deserved death but Jesus knew He was about to take the punishment for it all on the cross. The cross is always an eternal event in the mind of God.

Galatians 5:1 says, "For freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm then and don't submit again a yoke of slavery." Or, in the words of our Savior, "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

As Ronnie reminded us this week, as follower of Jesus, the reason we can live in true freedom is because of God's life, death and resurrection through his son Jesus Christ. And as sons and daughters of God we too can live free!

**Do you know what it means to truly live free?**

**Maybe you have some stuff in your life that is toxic leaving you shameful and with guilt. What does it look like to come to Jesus with it all today?**

**What does it look like you to walk in freedom this week?**

## MOVE

### **Read Romans 7:5, 18-19, 24-25**

#### **What stuck out to you about this passage? Why?**

In the passage you just read, we got some significant insight into Paul's heart. A place I can assume we all can understand. Even after surrendering everything to follow Christ, he says, me too! I still find myself sinning, but he then follows up in verse 25, "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord." He knows the depravity of his own humanity and knows only through Christ he is set free. His identity is in this.

#### **How can we relate to what Paul is saying in this passage?**

If we truly want to walk in freedom, we have to remember who God says we are and what he has invited us into. John 8:36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

As Ronnie shared this week, God omitted every behavioral label that our history has placed on us: addict, prisoner, jobless, abused, workaholic, alone, never good enough... The list could go on BUT because of the finish work on the cross things have shifted. God omitted our work and labeled our identity that our behavior could never change. Not on our worse days or even on our very best of days. Nothing will ever change who God says we are. This is the scandalous grace of the Gospel. It is just that good!

World System: I am what I have done

God's System: You are what I have done

#### **What does it look like to live out of God's system? Take a minute and talk more with your group.**

In Hebrews 10:14 it says, "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." We are made perfect. This is our identity in Christ alone. And we are also in the process of being made holy until the day we see Jesus face to face. This is the

underserved grace upon grace because of Jesus's sacrifice. May we be confident in this. May we live out of this.

God doesn't want us to live in a transactional relationship with him. He wants us to deeply know who he sees us to be. We are chosen, forgiven and deeply loved by the Creator of the Universe. Because of the love and grace that he has washed over us we can then go and live completely free from any other label stamped on us while living out in freedom in our true identity.

**Have you ever considered that the behavior that you so desperate want to change stems from what you believe what God says about you?**

**This week, what does it look like to live out of this identity that God has given to us? How can your Group come alongside you and help you remember that promise when you need it?**

#### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

#### T O G O

*"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. " Hebrews 8:12, NIV*