

Unfiltered Freedom | Jimmy Rollins | 7.3.22

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome back! This weekend we continued our series of messages called "Grit". We had the honor to have Jimmy Rollins share about the honest grit it requires to experience unfiltered freedom through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. With determined faith, knowing that the God of the universe is always present with us and has gone before us we are able to walk with unveiled confidence.

Before we dive in, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

What is the most impactful or challenging thing you heard during Sunday's message? What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself? How do you want to begin to apply it to your life this week?

GROW

Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

In this scripture, Paul is encouraging the followers of Christ. Christ came, the veil torn, giving us access to God that was never before without regulations, rituals, and religion as in the days

of Moses. We can be in the presence of God, we don't have to go to the high priest and him sacrifice for our sins but when Jesus came, he was the ultimate sacrifice, the true High Priest. John 8:36 it says," So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free" and because of him we can live in unfiltered freedom.

How did Jimmy's message help bring a different understanding of this truth?

How does knowing that we have access to God no matter where we are, who we are with or what circumstances we find ourselves in bring you freedom?

Describe the moment in your life when you turned to the Lord, and the veil was taken away" (v16).

MOVE

Read Genesis 3:1-13

Even when shame would be a part of the human experience, disobedience would drive a wedge between the most treasured creation and Creator. God's pursuit of relationship with us is there from the very beginning. And he will go to the very depths to be with us, this is the never giving up, not going anywhere kind of love. And only love that can be experienced in and through Jesus.

How does knowing this shift your posture as God's most treasured creation?

When God asked Adam and Eve where they were that day in the garden (3:9), he already knew. It appears the question was certainly more for their sake than his, it had to be. He asks where we are, too, all the while knowing the times we run away from him, the many ways we attempt to hide ourselves in shame. But he stills pursues us all the same, fully aware that while he will ultimately defeat the serpent, that same enemy still actively seeks to destroy us, to lure us away from the God who deeply loves us (John 10:10). Jesus was always God's plan, the ultimate defeater, the champion of our hearts and the overcomer! Wherever we find ourselves at, he waits for us there.

If God were to ask, "Where are you?", what would you tell Him?

What has kept you from coming out from hiding? What is keeping you from coming out from hiding?

Jimmy invited us into his story from coming out from behind the veil. He shared that for years he hid behind the pulpit and not until coming out from behind the veil, out from hiding had he experienced unfiltered freedom.

How did Jimmy's invitation into his story help encourage to you step out from hiding?

Because of active work of the Holy Spirit within God's people, we can experience freedom and then become freedom bringers to those around us. Jimmy shared with us that to experience this we must come out from behind the veil. This will require *transparency* as to be seen, *accountability* so we can be held, *vulnerability* by inviting people to speak into our lives which produces intimacy. *Intimacy* first and foremost with your Creator God, and then with others. We were not created to live behind a veil in isolation, we need each other.

What emotion does this bring to you? Is it difficult for you to invite people into the places that you struggle with? Share with your group.

As Jimmy shared, he has invited Pastor Shawn into these places in his life which has brought unfiltered freedom cultivating within him grit to then become a freedom bringer.

Who is your person? The person you experience unfiltered freedom with. Whose life are you bringing freedom to?

If you do not have someone, pray that God will show you who that person is and that he will give you the supernatural courage to step out and invite them into your life. And if you are not that for someone else, pray that God will show you who's life you need to step into.

PRAY

Pray for each other. Invite each other into a space you may need healing or comfort. If you're in a co-ed group, it may be easier to break up into groups to more freely share.