Jesus – Your Freedom From Addictions and Struggles

Opening prayer:

Praise and Worship: 10 minutes:

Testimonies: 5 minutes

Review: Jesus – Your Freedom From Addictions and Struggles

The key to getting free from addictions and struggles with sin is to realize that all of your mistakes were already judged and punished on the cross. The part of you that struggles with sin and temptations has already died. The real you is perfect, spotless and blameless. God sees you as His spotless bride. When God looks at you He does not see your imperfections, your mistakes and struggles. When He looks at you He sees Jesus because you are hidden in Christ. You are perfected forever. Romans 6:7 tells us that we are "dead to sin." The word sin here is the Greek word hamartia. It is a noun, which means missing the mark. In other words, we are dead to ever missing the mark in God's eyes. Even when we make a mistake, Jesus has already paid for that mistake. In God's eyes we will never miss the mark again. Instead we are seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places, spotless and perfect. If you believe God is still judging you, it will lead to more condemnation and more struggles. When you believe you are righteous and perfect, it will lead to a self-controlled life. What you believe is what matters. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Jesus death on the cross was also our death. We are now alive in Christ Jesus. When you are tempted and struggle, Romans 6:18 tells us we are no longer owned by sin (or missing the mark.) We are forever owned by righteousness. When you renew your mind to the fact that you are completely righteous, you will be freed and your struggles with sin and addictions will diminish. So what do you do when you know you have blown it? You remind yourself that you are still perfect, holy and righteous because of what Jesus did on the cross. When you learn to see yourself as righteous, you are healed from the inside out. If you try to be a "better Christian" through your own willpower, it will stir up the flesh in you that desires to sin. Apostle Paul explains this in Romans 7. The more Paul tried to do the right thing, the worse it got. At the end of Romans 7, apostle Paul cried out for a Savior. The answer to Paul's struggles and your struggles comes from believing you are righteous through Jesus' obedience on the cross and not your obedience.

Your freedom comes from what you believe. Do you still believe you are a sinner? No, you are dead missing the mark. You are alive and perfect in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." God is not condemning you for your addictions and struggles. There is no judgment whatsoever in God's eyes. Begin to see yourself as righteous, perfect and holy in the middle of your struggles. When you keep reminding yourself you are righteous because of Jesus, Romans 6:14 says sin will no longer reign over you. You are no longer judged by your ability to keep the law and be a "good Christian." You are judged and owned by grace. Jesus is the real you! You are one with him. Jesus has freed you from all of your addictions and struggles. You are forever free and righteous. Praise God!

Prayer: 10 Minutes:

If there is any situation in your life that needs prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to pray through you for that situation. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for us according to the will of God. It is the perfect prayer and is always answered!

Announcements:

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Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen