



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- Isaiah 41:10; 1 John 4:18
- Gal. 5:1; John 8:36; 14:27

SURRENDER MY FEELINGS

- Surrender Fear
- Practice Freedom

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“Beloved, now we are children of God. **It is not yet revealed what we will be; but we know that when He is revealed, we will be like Him**, for we will see Him just as He is.” 1 John 3:2 WEBUS

“**Don’t you be afraid, for I am with you.** Don’t be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, **I will uphold you** with the right hand of my righteousness.” Isaiah 41:10 WEBUS

“**There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,** because fear has punishment. **He who fears** is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18 WEBUS

“**Stand firm** therefore in the liberty **by which Christ has made us free**, and don’t be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1 WEBUS

“If therefore **the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.**” John 8:36 WEBUS

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don’t let your heart be troubled, **neither let it be fearful.”** John 14:27 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION:

Cease resistance; abandon control of your life entirely, and come into complete submission to God. That’s what it means to surrender. When Y’shua returns, some of you will be like Him. And for that transformation to occur, it requires that you surrender your fear and practice living in freedom.

Pray this without ceasing: “Yahweh, I confess that to worry is to say that I don’t believe You, or that I don’t trust You. Anxiety over outcomes, or worse yet, over that which does not even exist, is the enemy of contentment and peace—and says, “Lord, You are not enough!” Today, I will begin living in true freedom. I am experiencing Yahweh’s perfect peace—peace with God; peace from God; and the peace of God. I proclaim that true freedom is attained only when I willingly submit that I have no options. When God’s way is the only way, then I am truly free! Yahweh, Your way is the only way.”

Whoever won’t surrender their fear and practice living in freedom, simply won’t become like Him.

SURRENDER THAT I DESERVE TO FEEL THIS WAY!

1. Surrender My Feelings

A. Surrender Fear

(1) **Introduction:** Surrender that I deserve to feel this way!

(a) **Surrender Fear:** To worry is to say that you don't believe God, or that you don't trust God. Anxiety over outcomes, or worse yet, over that which does not even exist, is the enemy of contentment and peace—and says to the Lord, "You are not enough!"

1. **"Don't you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you** with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10 WEBUS

a) *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you."*

1) Yahweh dwells in you permanently, so fears should take up no residence in you.

b) *"Don't be dismayed, for I am your God."*

1) Yahweh rules over every circumstance, so anxieties should have no stranglehold on you.

c) *"I will strengthen you."*

1) Yahweh supplies the source of power, so doubts should place no limitations on you.

d) *"I will help you."*

- 1) Yahweh provides for every need, so emotions should hold no authority over you.
- e) *"I will uphold you."*
 - 1) Yahweh defeats all enemies, so confrontations should represent no obstacle to you.
- (b) Yahweh is enough! *"...You **will** see Yahweh's glory, the excellence of our God."* Isaiah 35:2
 - 1. **"Strengthen the weak hands, and make the feeble knees firm. Tell those who have a fearful heart, "Be strong! Don't be afraid! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, God's retribution. He will come and save you."** Isaiah 35:3-4 WEBUS
 - a) If you have a fearful heart, this is the message for you... *"Be strong! Don't be afraid!"*

(2) Fear is the enemy of Love, Peace, and Freedom

- (a) Fear is the enemy of love...
 - 1. **"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,** because fear has punishment. **He who fears** is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18 WEBUS
 - a) Yet God's LOVE is available for you to access to triumph over every fear...

1) *“Love never fails... But now faith, hope, and love remain—these three. The greatest of these is love.”* 1 Corinthians 13:8, 13

(b) Fear is the enemy of peace...

1. **“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives, I give to you. Don’t let your heart be troubled, **neither let it be fearful.”** John 14:27

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a) Yet God’s PEACE is available for you to access to overcome every fear...

1) *“I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33

(c) Fear is the enemy of freedom...

1. **“Stand firm** therefore in the liberty **by which Christ has made us free**, and don’t be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1 WEBUS

a) Yet God’s FREEDOM is available for you to access release you from the bondage to every fear...

1) *“If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.”*
John 8:36

(3) Fear vs. Reverence

- (a) See [Surrender Excuses & Practice Responsibility](#)
1. “This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. **Fear God and keep his commandments;** for this is the whole duty of man. For **God will bring every work into judgment,** with **every hidden thing,** whether it is good, or whether it is evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - a) When the final curtain drops on your life and nothing more can be said **from you, to you,** or **about you,** two questions will be answered...
 - 1) *Did you reverence God?* Assessed by the demonstration of your beliefs—by **the many testimonies** inspired by your faith in Christ.
 - 2) *Did you obey God?* Determined by your lifestyle—by **how you consistently treated** God’s commandments.
 - (b) The fear of Yahweh is where it all begins...
 1. “The **fear of Yahweh** is the beginning of knowledge, but **the foolish** despise wisdom and instruction.”
Proverbs 1:7 WEBUS
 - a) We are not meant to be afraid of the loving and merciful God who saved us... we are meant to revere Him for who He is and for what He has done for us.

- b) Only a fool would trivialize a relationship with or visitation from a renowned person, and yet it is common among Christians to treat their relationship with God casually, as if He deserves no more respect or honor than they might offer to a friend, acquaintance, or coworker.
- c) Consider the sheer magnitude of this concept. You have been offered to engage in a direct, intimate, personal relationship with the CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. Don't underestimate it! Instead, revere and honor Yahweh every moment of your life!
 - 1) ***“Don't be wise in your own eyes. Fear Yahweh, and depart from evil. It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones. Honor Yahweh with your substance, with the first fruits of all your increase;”*** Proverbs 3:7-9 WEBUS

(c) Whom shall you fear?

- 1. **“Yahweh is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Yahweh is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?”** Psalms 27:1 WEBUS

- a) Everything that will ever be truly important in life can be found within your reverent relationship with God.

- 1) When you allow your relationship with God to become your ONLY source of inspiration, illumination, confidence, contentment, and well-being, then you will have no one nor anything to fear.
- (d) Don't be fearful of those who can only take from you temporary things.
1. "I tell you, my friends, **don't be afraid of those who kill the body**, and after that have no more that they can do. But **I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear him** who after he has killed, has power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, **I tell you, fear him.**" Luke 12:4-5
- WEBUS
- a) The most any human can take from you is this temporal life, which is a momentary vapor anyway.
 - b) Once they take that, there is nothing more they can have.
 - c) But, Yahweh has the power to take your soul (your mind, consciousness, personality, memories, and identity, etc.) and to cast it into eternal damnation. That is someone you ought revere!
- 1) *"Don't be afraid of those who kill the body, but are **not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him***

who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Matthew 10:28 WEBUS

(e) Holy is He and also what you are called to be...

1. "but just as **he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy** in all of your behavior, because it is written, *"**You shall be holy, for I am holy.**"" 1 Peter 1:15-16 WEBUS

a) To be holy means to be set-apart. Yahweh must be separate from all others and from everything else in your life; there is none like Him and He is to be revered as such—not to be treated as some casual acquaintance or common item! You too are called to holiness and must set yourself apart from the things of this world.

1) "***Don't love the world or the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him.***" 1 John 2:15 WEBUS

2) *"*For I am Yahweh your God. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy...*" Leviticus 11:44

b) Your way to walk is the holy way to walk!

1) "***A highway will be there, a road, and it will be called "The Holy Way". The unclean shall not***

*pass over it, but **it will be for those who walk in the Way.** Wicked fools shall not go there.” Isaiah 35:8 WEBUS*

- 2) *“**Enter in by the narrow gate;** for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in by it. **How narrow is the gate and the way is restricted that leads to life!** There are few who find it.” Matthew 7:13-14 WEBUS*

(4) Fear and Faith

(a) When you are being fearful it's because you are not being faithful.

1. “A big wind storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so much that the boat was already filled. He himself was in the stern, **asleep on the cushion;** and they woke him up and asked him, **“Teacher, don’t you care that we are dying?”** He awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, **“Peace! Be still!”** The wind ceased and there was a great calm. He said to them, **“Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?”** [*“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Matt.*] **They were greatly afraid** and said to

one another, **“Who then is this,** that even the wind and the sea obey him?”” Mark 4:37-41 WEBUS

- a) Y’shua asked, *“Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?”*
 - 1) After teaching His followers by using many parables, it was time to test their faith.
 - 2) He took them out on the water, a great storm came upon them while He slept peacefully, and they panicked.
 - 3) Y’shua revealed that their fear was indicative of their level of faith; *“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”*
- b) And of course, we know that without faith, we can never be pleasing to God.
 - 1) ***“Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him,*** for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.” Hebrews 11:6 WEBUS
- c) So, the next time you want to panic in the storm...
 - 1) ***“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your worries on him,*** because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7 WEBUS

d) Because... *“Who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

1) **This is the God that says,** *“Don’t you be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you...”* Isaiah 41:10

(5) Trust God... an excellent remedy for fear!

(a) How can you put your trust in God?

1. **“When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.”**

Psalms 56:3 WEBUS

a) Don’t trust what you think, instead acknowledge that Yahweh ALWAYS knows best.

1) **“Trust in Yahweh with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding.** *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”* Proverbs 3:5-6 WEBUS

b) Dedicate your time, talent, and treasures to Yahweh and you will feel utterly fulfilled.

1) **“Also delight yourself in Yahweh,** *and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to Yahweh. Trust also in him, and he will do this:”* Psalms 37:4-5 WEBUS

c) Relax! Slow down and listen for God's leading. Don't be so quick to react and you will ALWAYS discover, "God's got this!"

1) ***"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth." Yahweh of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.***" Psalms 46:10-11 WEBUS

d) For the Christian, the formula is clear. Don't trust in what people can do for you; that is the opposite of God's instruction! It is never beneficial. Only trust in what Yahweh can do for you; it comes with a guaranteed positive outcome!

1) ***"Yahweh says: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man, relies on strength of flesh, and whose heart departs from Yahweh. For he will be like a bush in the desert, and will not see when good comes, but will inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in Yahweh, and whose confidence is in Yahweh. For he will be as a tree planted by the waters, who spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat***

*comes, but its leaf will be green, and will not be concerned in the year of drought. It won't cease from yielding fruit. **The heart is deceitful above all things and it is exceedingly corrupt.** Who can know it?"* Jeremiah 17:5-9 WEBUS

- e) Maybe you feel like a victim of your own thoughts and beliefs—as if you have no choice nor control over them. However, it is attainable for Christians to focus completely on the things of God: His word, prayer, worship, fellowship, and promises.
 - 1) *"You [Yahweh] will keep **whoever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in you. Trust in Yahweh forever; for in Yah, Yahweh, is an everlasting Rock.**"* Isaiah 26:3-4

(6) Anxiety has no place in the life of a Christian.

- (a) Be anxious for NOTHING! How?
 - 1. **"In nothing be anxious,** but in everything, by **prayer and petition with thanksgiving,** let your **requests be made known** to God. **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,** will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7
WEBUS

- a) **Prayer** is worship and communication with God. There are various forms including: supplication, intercession, thanksgiving, and adoration—emphasizing a personal and communal relationship with Him; a direct communication with a personal God.
- b) **Petition** is heartfelt supplication directed towards God. It conveys a sense of earnestness and urgency in prayer, reflecting a deep personal need or desire. Prayer that is specific and fervent, often in the context of seeking divine intervention or assistance.
- 3. **Thanksgiving** denotes the act of expressing gratitude. Prayer and worship that highlight an attitude of thankfulness towards God for His grace, provision, and blessings. It underscores how important it is to recognize God’s goodness and then to respond with a heart of gratitude.
- d) **Request** is a specific petition made by an individual. It is often used in the context of prayer or supplication to God that highlights the act of asking with a sense of earnestness and humility.

e) **Pray like that and...** *“The **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”*

1) **Because...** *“The **effective, fervent prayer** [insistent prayer] of a righteous man **avails much** [is powerfully effective].” James 5:16*

2) **Then you can...** *“...**consider that the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed in you.” Romans 8:18*

(b) Why should you worry about tomorrow when tomorrow never actually comes?

1. “Therefore **don’t be anxious**, saying, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or, ‘With what will we be clothed?’ For **the Gentiles seek after all these things**; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first God’s Kingdom and his righteousness**; and all these things will be given to you as well. **Therefore don’t be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.** Each day’s own evil is sufficient.” Matthew 6:31-34

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a) Know these facts...

- 1) Worrying about provision is for pagans.
- 2) Instead of worrying, use that energy to become more like Y'shua every day with your whole heart and all of your effort (by His grace).
- 3) Tomorrow never actually arrives because once you are there, it is now today! So, you have no need to worry about tomorrow, because today is the only day you will ever have.

(7) His Rest... an excellent remedy for fear!

(a) Feeling afraid? Go to Him!

1. **“Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest.** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and **you will find rest for your souls.** For my **yoke is easy**, and my **burden is light.**”

Matthew 11:28-30 WEBUS

- a) Go to God at all times of distress, and He will take on your every burden.
- b) Go to God if you feel heaviness in your soul, and you will find complete peace: in your mind, heart, emotions, desires, and cravings, etc.
- c) Be humble and place every burden in God's hands, and then you can relax.

d) In the end, God's ways are light (not heavy) and light (not darkness).

(8) Scarcity has no place in the life of a Christian.

(a) Contentment is the remedy for feelings of insufficiency ("I don't have enough!").

1. "Not that I speak because of lack, **for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content** in it."

Philippians 4:11 WEBUS

a) God is always enough when seeking God is your sole source of contentment.

1) "*But **godliness with contentment** is great gain.*"

1 Timothy 6:6 WEBUS

b) Godliness means **to seek to please God** in everything in your life. And God's power **is your source for seeking to please God** in everything in your life. You need not wait—this is available to you right now!

1) "*seeing that **his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and virtue,***" 2 Peter 1:3 WEBUS

c) Clarification: God will ONLY supply your every need. God does not supply your every want. You

will ALWAYS feel a lack if you believe your every want is a need.

1) “My **God will supply every need** of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19 WEBUS

d) Trials and difficulties are often the path to recognizing that you need nothing more than what you already have! To the degree that you resist this notion is often to the degree that you will suffer!

1) “Let endurance have **its perfect work**, that you may **be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**” James 1:4 WEBUS

e) The secret to all of the above... ALWAYS Seek Yahweh and His ways first!

1) “But **seek first** God’s Kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 WEBUS

B. Practice Freedom

(1) **Introduction:** Freedom is having no options!

(a) **Practice Freedom:** You will know you are living in true freedom when you experience Yahweh’s perfect peace —peace WITH God; peace FROM God; and the peace OF God. True freedom is attained only when you

willingly submit that you have no options. If God's way is the only way, then you are truly free!

1. **“Stand firm** therefore in the liberty **by which Christ has made us free**, and don't be **entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**” Galatians 5:1 WEBUS
 - a) Don't give an inch... don't waiver even one degree from this promise!
 - 1) The moment you were born-again, you were freed permanently and completely from the bondage you were in from birth...
 - 2) Bondage to what you might ask?
 - b) You are no longer in bondage to sin! Pause a moment to absorb the magnitude of this reality .
 - 1) *“knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, **that the body of sin might be done away with**, so that we would **no longer be in bondage to sin.** {12} Therefore **don't let sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. {17} But thanks be to God that, whereas **you were bondservants of sin**, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were delivered. **Being made free from sin, you became bondservants***

of righteousness.” Romans 6:6, 12, 17-18

WEBUS

(b) What is the mechanism of this freedom?

1. **“For God didn’t give us a spirit of fear,** but of power, love, and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:7 WEBUS

a) It is the new Spirit (Holy Spirit) dwelling in you.

b) And that Spirit has eradicated the spirit of fear

c) When you came to the Lord, you received access to a NEW SPIRIT.

d) One of the reasons you have access to this new Spirit (and you are no longer restricted to only accessing the human spirit with which you were born) is to discern the magnitude of what is available to you as a Christian!

1) ***“But we received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us by God.”*** 1 Corinthians 2:12 WEBUS

e) What is now available to you? You have been separated from the bondage to fear!

1) ***“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if any man doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ, he***

is not his. {15} For you didn't receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"" Romans 8:9, 15 WEBUS

- f) "God is love." (1 John 4:8) and God (love) dwells in you. Fear is the sin of unbelief and love (God in you) covers every sin; love (God in you) makes you perfect!
- 1) "**Above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.**"
1 Peter 4:8 WEBUS
 - 2) "**Above all these things, walk in love, which is the bond of perfection.**" Colossians 3:14
WEBUS
- g) Now, read this verse again, and it will take on a whole new meaning! There is a promise in it, and that promise says, "You no longer have any reason to fear!"
- 1) "**There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love.**" 1 John 4:18
WEBUS

(2) Freedom vs. Options

(a) True freedom is attained only when you willingly submit that you have no options. When God's way is the only way, then you are truly free! See the entire surrender series... www.TrueFreedom.opt:

1. **The option with no other options:** When you surrender to God's *Way, Will, and Word* as the only options, you are truly free.
2. Excerpt from: [Surrender Requirements & Practice Optional](#)

(b) **The only options:** God's Way, God's Will, and God's Word are the path to freedom!

1. His **Way**: *"Jesus said to him, ***I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.***"* John 14:6 WEBUS
 - a) *"If therefore ***the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.***"* John 8:36 WEBUS
 - 1) His way is the only way, and if He says you are free, then you are FREE!
 - b) ****Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**** Galatians 5:1
WEBUS

- 1) Now, stand in that freedom; because if you don't, you are not!
2. His **Will**: *“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, **not my will, but yours, be done.**”* Luke 22:42 WEBUS
 - a) *“**This is the will of God**: your **sanctification**, that you abstain from sexual immorality,”* 1 Thessalonians 4:3 WEBUS
 - 1) God’s will is that you are holy and pure.
 - b) *“**This is the will of God**, that **by well-doing** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.”* 1 Peter 2:15 WEBUS
 - 1) God’s will is that your good witness silences evil men.
 - c) *“Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so **that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.**”* Romans 12:2 WEBUS
 - 1) God’s will is that you do not look like the world.
 - d) *“that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for the lusts of men, **but for the will of God.**”* 1 Peter 4:2 WEBUS

- 1) God's will is that you reject the lusts of your flesh.
- e) *"In everything give thanks, for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus toward you."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18 WEBUS
- 1) God's will is that you thank Him in everything.
- f) *"For you need endurance so that, **having done the will of God, you may receive the promise.**"*
Hebrews 10:36 WEBUS
- 1) God's will is that you endure all trials with His promises in mind.
- g) *"**Servants, be obedient to** those who according to the flesh are **your masters**, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, **as to Christ, not** in the way of service only when eyes are on you, **as men pleasers**, but as servants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing service as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same good again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free.**"* Ephesians 6:5-8
WEBUS

- 1) God's will is that you are obedient to Him and that you are not a man-pleaser.
 - 2) God's will is that you serve God and not man.
 - 3) God's will is that you know that whatever good you do for others, you will receive in return, not from them, but from God.
- h) *"Indeed you bear the name of a Jew, rest on the law, glory in God, **know his will**, and approve the things that are excellent, **being instructed out of the law**,"* Romans 2:17-18 WEBUS
- 1) God's will is in His word and you should know His word!
3. His **Word**: *"**Your word** is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path."* Psalms 119:105 WEBUS
- a) *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to **your word**."* Psalms 119:9
WEBUS
 - 1) When you allow God's word to reprogram your heart, sin will be far from you. *"Think in Bible!"*
 - b) *"Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, "**If you remain in my word**, then you are **truly my disciples**. **You will know the***

truth, and the truth will make you free.”” John
8:31-32 WEBUS

- 1) Remain in His word, and as His disciple, you will not only be **positionally FREE but experientially FREE!**

(3) True Freedom: “If therefore the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36 WEBUS

- (a) **Freedom:** the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint; absence of objection to foreign dominance; the state of being unrestricted; the state of not being subject to or affected by; the power of self-determination attributed to the will; the quality of being independent of fate or necessity; unrestricted use of something.

1. **Positional vs. Experiential Freedom:** every Christian became free at the moment they believed, but few Christians ever live as if they are truly free.

- (b) **Reality Check #1: “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, that you may not do the things that you desire.” Galatians 5:17 WEBUS**

1. As a non-believer, you never had a choice. You could only **walk according to the flesh.**

(c) **Reality Check #2:** *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death.”*

Romans 8:1-2 WEBUS

1. To be truly free as a Christian, you must live as if you also **have no choice**; to **live according to the Spirit** should be your only **self-imposed** option. This frees you from the certainty that you will sin, which is **“the law of sin and of death”!**

(d) Now look at the definition of FREEDOM one more time filtered through this context—when *God’s way, will, and word* are the only choice, you are truly free!

1. The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint; absence of objection to foreign dominance; the state of being unrestricted; the state of not being subject to or affected by; the power of self-determination attributed to the will; the quality of being independent of fate or necessity; unrestricted use of something.

(4) Perfect Peace

- (a) You have the potential be totally focussed on the things of God; doing so yields perfect peace.
1. “You will keep **whoever’s mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts** in you. **Trust in Yahweh** forever; for in Yah, Yahweh, is an everlasting Rock.”
Isaiah 26:3-4 WEBUS
 2. ““For who has known the mind of the Lord that he should instruct him?” **But we have Christ’s mind.**” 1
Corinthians 2:16 WEBUS
- (b) What is this peace available to whomever keeps his mind steadfast in Yahweh?
1. **[Old Testament]** *“Yahweh lift up his face toward you, and give you **peace.**”* Numbers 6:26 WEBUS
 - a) **Shalom [Hebrew]:** peace, welfare, or safety.
Encompasses the idea of completeness. Signifies not only the absence of conflict, but also the presence of positive blessings such as: health, safety, and prosperity. Used to describe harmonious relationships between individuals, nations, and between God and humanity. Conveys a sense of wholeness and well-being—physically and spiritually.

2. **[New Testament]** *“Being therefore justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;”* Romans 5:1 WEBUS
 - a) **Eiréné (i-ray'-nay) [Greek]:** Primarily denotes a state of tranquility, harmony, and well-being. Used to describe both the absence of conflict and the presence of positive blessings, such as safety, prosperity, and spiritual peace. Often associated with the peace that comes from a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, as well as the peace that believers are called to maintain with one another.
3. **[English]** *“The feeling of peace, or peace of mind, or peace in the world.”*
 - a) **Peace:** Freedom from disturbance; a feeling of tranquility; mental calm and serenity; freedom from dispute or dissension between individuals or groups; free from anxiety, distress or dread; used to suggest that someone has escaped from the difficulties of life; a state of friendliness, restfulness, quietness, composure, ease, comfort, contentment.

(c) **Q:** What does true peace look like? **A:** *Contentment* regardless of what is transpiring around you.

1. “But **godliness with contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can’t carry anything out.” 1 Timothy 6:6-7 WEBUS

a) **Godliness** is the state of contentment when you are completely satisfied because of your pursuit of God’s will in every area of your life, not because you have already obtained all you are seeking.

b) In addition, it is the satisfaction gained once you acknowledge that nothing tangible that you’ve acquired in this world is going with you into eternity.

(d) **Q:** What does true peace look like? **A:** *Joy* regardless of what is transpiring around you.

1. “Count **it all joy**, my brothers, when you fall into various temptations, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let endurance have its **perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**” James 1:2-4 WEBUS

a) **Joy** is the feeling of peace and happiness that is not dependent on external circumstances.

- b) It is the inner contentment derived from a dynamic and trusting relationship with God, regardless of the trials you are enduring at the present time.

(5) Peace WITH God: because He has reconciled you with Himself!

(a) Peace with God through **Faith**

- 1. “Being therefore **justified by faith**, we have **peace with** God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2 WEBUS

- a) By grace through faith, you have been redeemed for all eternity. All debts have been justified; there remains nothing more to reconcile between you and God.

(6) Peace FROM God: because He has given you His peace!

(a) Peace from God through **Receiving**

- 1. “**Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives, I give to you. Don’t let your heart be troubled, **neither let it be fearful.**” John 14:27
WEBUS

- a) You can live with perfect peace if you will just accept His offer. Do so and your troubles and fears will vanish.
- 2. **“I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace.** In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 WEBUS
 - a) Y’shua knows that the dying world comes against His bride, and that is why He assured us in advance that we can have His peace even in the midst of attacks!

(7) Peace OF God: because you purposely seek His peace!

- (a) We already saw this...
 - 1. “In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by **prayer** and **petition** with **thanksgiving**, let your **requests** be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6 WEBUS
 - a) **Prayer:** worship and a personal relationship with Him; direct communication.
 - b) **Petitions:** heartfelt prayers that are specific and fervent, often in the context of seeking divine intervention or assistance.
 - c) **Thanksgiving:** an attitude of gratitude towards God for His grace, provision, and blessings; recognizing God’s goodness.

- d) **Requests:** the act of asking or making a specific request with a sense of earnestness and humility.
- e) **The Result:** *“The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard your hearts and your thoughts** in Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:7 WEBUS
- f) **The Admonition:** *“...**be diligent to be found in peace**, without defect and blameless in his sight.”*
2 Peter 3:14 WEBUS

(b) How can you apprehend the peace of God that guards your heart and mind? **Practice by meditating on...**

1. “Finally, brothers, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **honorable [noble]**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**: if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **worthy of praise**, **think about [meditate on] these things**. Do the things which you learned, received, heard, and saw in me, and **the God of peace will be with you.**” Philippians 4:8-9 WEBUS

a) Meditate on these things...

- 1) **Whatever is True:** Truth—God’s word; Y’shua is the word incarnate!
- 2) **Whatever is Noble:** Honorable, Royal.

- 3) **Whatever is Just:** Justice, fairness, equity.
- 4) **Whatever is Pure:** undefiled, unmixed, whole, with integrity.
- 5) **Whatever is Lovely:** things which are beautiful in God's eyes.
- 6) **Whatever is Uplifting:** A good report; and uplifting conversation.
- 7) **Whatever is Virtuous:** Virtue—what is right in God's eyes; what is on Yahweh's heart.
- 8) **Whatever is Praiseworthy:** Yahweh is to be praised above all things and in all circumstances!

(8) Peace with Others: because you have Peace With God, FROM God, and OF God.

- (a) Peace with others because you are a child of God...
 1. **“Blessed are the peacemakers,** for they shall be called children of God.” Matthew 5:9 WEBUS
 - a) Be the bearer of peace in every relationship and situation.
- (b) Nothing to fear because God's got this...
 1. **“If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men.** Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but **give place to God's wrath.** For it is

written, “Vengeance belongs to me; **I will repay, says the Lord.**”” Romans 12:18-19 WEBUS

- a) You cannot control what others do or say, but you can control what you do or say (by God’s grace).
- b) Be the godly influence over people and in all circumstances; arbitrate peace; then have no fear!

Prayer: I SURRENDER MY FEAR (*Father, I confess that to worry is to say that I don’t believe You, or that I don’t trust You. Anxiety over outcomes, or worse yet, over that which does not even exist, is the enemy of contentment and peace—and says, “Lord, You are not enough!”*) I WILL PRACTICE LIVING IN FREEDOM (*Today, I will begin living in true freedom. I am experiencing Yahweh’s perfect peace—peace with God; peace from God; and the peace of God. I proclaim that true freedom is attained only when I willingly submit that I have no options. When God’s way is the only way, then I am truly free! Yahweh, Your way is the only way.*)

ASSIGNMENT #16

1. Pray about and meditate on these Scriptures:

- A. “For **the word of God** is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **is able to discern**

*the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature that is hidden from his sight, but **all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.***" Hebrews 4:12-13 WEBUS

B. *"But there is **nothing covered up that will not be revealed,** nor hidden that will not be known."* Luke 12:2 WEBUS

C. *"For **God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.**"*
Ecclesiastes 12:14 WEBUS

D. *"For **no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.** But if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, **each man's work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire;** and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man's work is." 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 WEBUS*

E. *"For the time has come for **judgment** to begin with the household of God. If it **begins first with us,** what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God?" 1 Peter 4:17 WEBUS*

2. **Surrender Fear:** *"**There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,** because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love."* 1 John 4:18

A. Search your heart humbly and honestly.

- 1) Do you confess that to worry is to say that you don't believe Yahweh, or that you don't trust Yahweh?
- 2) Would you agree that anxiety over outcomes, or over that which does not even exist, is the enemy of contentment and peace—and says, “Yahweh, You are not enough!”?
- 3) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 4) Who will hold you accountable to surrender your fear?

3. **Practice Freedom:** *“Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1*

A. Are you prepared to live a life in true freedom?

- 1) Are you committed to experiencing Yahweh's perfect peace—peace with God; peace from God; and the peace of God?
- 2) Are you ready to declare that true freedom is attained only when you willingly submit that you have no options?
- 3) Will you proclaim that when God's way is the only way, then you are truly free?
- 4) Please review your answer to each question and explain your strategy to address it.
- 5) Who will hold you accountable to living a life of freedom?