



# THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FREEDOM

## THEME FOR April: DELIVERANCE

**Text:** Galatians 5:1-16

**Goal:** To show that deliverance is what God does for us, but staying free is what God expects from us.

### Ice Breaker:

Have you ever been free from something, but found yourself going back to it? What made it hard to stay free?

## 1) Freedom Was Given (Christ set you free)

**Scriptures:** Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 8:36

- Freedom is a gift, not something you earn.
- Jesus did the work, you benefit from it.
- Deliverance is initiated by God, not by your effort.
- You didn't work for this freedom, Jesus paid for it.

## 2) Freedom Must Be Guarded (Staying free is your responsibility)

**Scriptures:** Galatians 5:1; Galatians 5:16; Hebrews 2:1

- Freedom requires intentional living.
- You don't fall back, you drift back.
- Deliverance got you out, but discipline keeps you out.

## 3) Freedom vs Abuse

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:13

Freedom is not permission to live in the flesh, it's power to live in the Spirit.

### Application

- ◆ Stay connected to God daily
- ◆ Be honest about your struggles
- ◆ Walk in the Spirit, not your feelings
- ◆ Make decisions that protect your freedom

### Closing

Deliverance is not the finish line, it's the starting point.