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Freedom from the Past

Numbers 13 & 14

The word freedom has a deeply profound meaning. In fact, Webster defines **freedom** as “*the quality or state of being free.*” Although “Freedom” is a word we often use, most of us really don’t know how to truly define or appreciate it. Biblically we have defined the word freedom as “*release from illegitimate bondage.*”

When Jesus saved you, you were delivered from the power of darkness, the authority of Satan, the power of sin, and the control of the past. If our freedom doesn’t lead to maturity, we will end up in worse bondage than ever before.

Charles Kingsley:

“There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; and the true, where a man is free to do what he ought.”

Many people never arrive at their tomorrow because they are still carrying the baggage of yesterday. That’s why so many people want today to end and tomorrow to start! We must realize that unless we do something about what we brought into today from yesterday, then we are still dragging yesterday into tomorrow.

People who have never changed their mindset devalue themselves, and, if you hang around them, they will decrease your value as well.

Hebrews 4:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ *Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.* ² *For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.*

What do we do about yesterday?

1. Use yesterday as a rear view mirror
2. Repent of your whining
3. Stop hanging out with the ten
4. Let it go

Philippians 3:13 (NKJV) *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

A thought:

For Paul, to let go of the past meant letting go of some pretty bad stuff; he had to let go of the good, the bad, and the ugly.