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Up for the Journey #3

## Live in True Freedom!

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you **hold to my teaching**, you are **really my disciples**. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but **a son belongs to it forever**. <sup>36</sup> So if **the Son sets you free**, you will be **free indeed**.

**John 8:31-36**

<sup>1</sup> It is **for freedom** that Christ has **set us free**. **Stand firm**, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery...

<sup>4</sup> You who are trying to justify yourselves by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace...

<sup>6</sup> The **only thing** that counts is **faith expressing itself through love**.

**Galatians 5:1-6**

➤ **Avoid the trap of \_\_\_performance-based identity\_\_\_!**

- Stop measuring yourself by external standards.
- Live motivated by gratitude for God's grace to you.

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were **called to be free**. But **do not use your freedom to indulge** the sinful nature; rather, **serve one another humbly in love**. <sup>14</sup> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **'Love your neighbor as yourself.'**

**Galatians 5:13-14**

➤ **Escape the prison of \_\_\_selfish indulgence\_\_\_!**

- Walk the path of service over gratification.
- Take an interest in and sacrifice to benefit others.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit... They are in conflict with each other...

<sup>25</sup> Since we **live by the Spirit**, let us **keep in step** with the Spirit.

**Galatians 5:16-25**

➤ **Follow the lead of \_\_\_God's Holy Spirit\_\_\_!**

- Thank the Spirit for raising Jesus & you.
- Open your eyes & ears to the Spirit's activity.

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### **Growth**

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### **Relationships**

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### **Relevance**

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### **Involvement**

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### **Truth**

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"