

You Will Be Free Indeed (11/12/23)

Main Verses: Acts 13:38-39

Key Verse: Acts 13:39

'Takeaway': In a nation where we often celebrate our freedoms, God's people must never lose sight of the true freedom only Jesus makes possible.



Getting Started: What does it mean to be free?

READ Acts 13:38-39 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why couldn't the law of Moses free the people?
- What did Jesus say about finding true freedom? (see John 8:36)
- Why is it important that we always remember that true freedom comes thru Jesus alone?

Elementary:

- What man is being referred to in vs. 38?
- Why didn't the law of Moses make the people truly free?
- What did Jesus say about truly being free? (see John 8:36)
- Why is it important that we keep the correct perspective on freedom thru Jesus?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- For hundreds of years, the people had tried to take care of their sin problem by following the law of Moses. Because they were sinners, they were never able to follow it perfectly.
- True freedom is found thru Jesus alone, because only he can declare us innocent thru his cross, & give us a new heart thru his resurrection.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God; Thank him for the freedom we can know thru faith in his Son, Jesus. Ask him to teach you more about himself every day, & ask him to show you how to follow Jesus, which is the only way to be truly free.

(Elementary) Talk to God; Thank him for the freedom we can know thru faith in Jesus. Thank him for sending Jesus whose death satisfied the wrath of God for our sins, & whose resurrection makes it possible for us, thru Jesus, to live forever with God under his love. Do you feel the call to surrender your life to God? If so, you might want to pray in this way: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.