

The Bondage of Sin | 2 Timothy 2:20-26

Last Monday, 21 Pastors, from both White & Black churches, came together for 5 days & 4 nights, to journey back in time as “One Blood One Race” - to examine our nation’s history & to develop a plan to heal together.

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Together, we saw where 12 million African’s were marched off of boats after being transported from Africa.

2 million of them would die on that journey to the United States, in horrible conditions - never even making it to the shore of the western world.

The ones that did survive would be marched to a market where they would be sold into slavery - a cruel treatment keeping one in bondage.

The history of slavery is tragic on so many levels, but the cruel treatment & demeaning of a human life is repulsive.

GOD’s creation, which is made in HIS own image, was treated in unspeakable ways & in unfathomable condition.

Beaten. Chained. Treated as property. Breed as live stock. The humiliation is indescribable.

Every man, regardless of the color of their skin, should be free.

56 years ago today, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marched from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery, Alabama - known as the Selma March.

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The march itself began on March 21, 1965 & ended on March 25, 1965.

The Selma March was 5 Days, 4 nights & reaching 54 miles - the same length of time as our Pastor’s trip.

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The march ultimately led to the passage of the “Voting Rights Act”, allowing the African American race to overcome the legal barriers on the local & state level which prevented them to vote.

This was just one of the many historical sites I visited this past week while on my mission trip throughout the Civil Right Trail from Virginia, the Carolina’s, Georgia & Alabama.

The mission of this trip was not to reach the lost, as much as it was to break down racial barriers between the White & Black churches - starting with the Pastors.

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It was disgusting to learn of the treatment of some of the human race – but even more disgusting knowing that there were people among us – and maybe even are today – that believe this treatment is acceptable.

I assure you – GOD’s word does not want any human being treat with such disgrace & ignorance.

GOD does not want HIS children in bondage.

But this is exactly what sin does to mankind – keeps us in bondage.

The title of my message today is “The Bondage of Sin”.

Romans 6:18 ~ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

GOD does not want HIS children in “The Bondage of Sin”.

The enemy is going to great lengths to suppress mankind – to keep them from becoming free.

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There are some ways we can break “The Bondage of Sin” in the spiritual man.

1. DO GOOD WORK

✠ Titus 2:7~ In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

✠ James 1:22 ~ But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Don’t just listen to GOD’s word – put it into practice.

This includes how we treat others who we may not look, act or live like us.

2. RUN FROM TEMPTATION

✠ James 4:7 ~ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



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✝ James 1:12 ~ Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Don't just turn from it – RUN from it.

It may be tempting to act on emotions when dealing with others – but chase after love – not hate.

3. LOVE ALL MEN

✝ 1 John 4:20 ~ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

✝ 1 John 4:21 ~ And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

You can't just love the people you choose – you have to love them all.

And it's love that breaks "The Bondage of Sin".

Love conquers evil.

Love ushers in compassion.

Love can heal hearts trapped in "The Bondage of Sin".

Love – can set you free.

John 8:32 ~ And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

COMMUNION: Today – let's search our hearts & be set free.

Let's ask GOD to break the chains that are binding us.

We don't have to fear what we don't understand

We don't have to fear what the future holds.

We don't have to fear those who may look different than us.

You can be set free today!

1 Corinthians 11:23-31

CONCLUSION: You don't have to fear "The Bondage of Sin".

