



WELCOME

Lesson 7

For Freedom

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BIG Question

- How do we live in light of what we know?



- Verse 1 *“For freedom Christ has freed you.”*
- *Tim Keller:* “Freedom is both the means and the ends of the Christian life.”

Stand Firm

- Keeping alert
- Being strong
- Resisting attack
- **Know who our enemy is in the daily battle for freedom.**



I Peter 5:8

*“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy **the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.** Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*



Lion Lessons: Knowing our Enemy

Lions isolate their prey in the dark.

Our takeaways: Avoid isolation and be prepared for Satan's attacks in the night.



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Lions roar to distract and paralyze their prey.

Our takeaway: Counter Satan's roar with a steady intake of God's Word.



“Repetition of God’s word is the way we revive a failing faith, the slow pumping of life into the lungs, again and again, with the breath of His words! When I fail to keep His word in my mind, I simply fail.”

Ann Voskamp




Resist the Yoke





“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30



“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me, and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Run well

- You were making splendid progress; who put you off the course you had set for the truth? (JB Philipps)
- You were running superbly! Who cut in on you, deflecting you from the true course of obedience? This detour doesn't come from the One who called you into the race in the first place. (The Message)





“If we comprehend what Christ has done for us, then surely out of gratitude we will strive to live ‘worthy’ of such great love. We will strive to live holy lives not to make God love us more but because He already does!”

Philip Yancey



The lane of legalism: Lose your freedom

The lane of license: Abuse your freedom

“Anyone who insists that the gospel encourages us to sin has simply not understood it yet, nor begun to feel its power.” Tim Keller



“Love for others really begins, continues and is daily motivated by love for God. When His purposes are more important than your desires, when His glory is more valuable to you than your temporary moments of glory, and when His agenda activates you more than your plan for you...you will be free to love others. It really is true. Our relationships need more than horizontal fixing. They need vertical rescue, and for that there is the ever-sufficient grace of a willing and patient Savior.”

Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies August 9



Chris Tomlin – Is He Worthy?