

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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The **freedom** our Savior has won for us can be something so precious that we willingly submit to others. The freedom we celebrate as disciples of Jesus can be so empowering that we are willing to live as if we are slaves. Those kinds of paradoxes are not unusual for us Christians who affirm that we are both saint and sinner; let's celebrate then on this 4th of July weekend how to cherish our freedom so much that we serve others.

1. Think about the word “submit.” Say it aloud. Is this a word that brings positivity to your mind, or negativity? Explain why you answered the way you did.
2. Read Eph. 5:21 and identify what God identifies as the motivation Christians are to have when they “submit.”
3. When we are in “submission” to authorities and government, God has given us limitations; what are they? Acts 4:19.
4. Compare what Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:11-17 to what Paul relates in Romans 13:1-7. What are some practical ways Christians can follow this teaching? What are some ways that are hard to follow?
5. Read again 1 Peter 2:16. Are you hearing any “foolish talk” in the church? What is it? What can you do to “silence” it and to serve people at the same time?

Prayer: Lord God, you have given us your Word, and through it, we have been made free indeed. Move us to cherish our freedom, and to glorify you for this precious legacy we have been given. We pray it in the Spirit of the One who brings freedom, Christ our Lord.

Amen.
