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Freedom: Who is Your Source?

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Freedom is the ability to act and react in life as the person you were created to be.

True Self: Who God has made you to be, not who we have become along life's journey. We all have parts of who we are that have been created through pride, or pain, or survival, or hurt, or rejection. But these areas of our life are broken and choking the life out of us...they are holding us back from FULLNESS. We are on a journey to FREEDOM through the help of God's Word, God's Spirit and God's People.

Genesis 2:8-9

Genesis 2:15-17 "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

The Tree of Life represents complete reliance on God as our source of life.

The Tree of Life represents an intimate relationship with God in which we have everything we need. We trust, we believe, we follow, we rely...He provides, He directs, He leads, He is our source.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil represents self-reliance/independence.

The trusting relationship with God is severed because we are now in control.

We are our own source. We are god to ourselves. We have self-autonomy.

We decide what is good and evil.

This is the key difference between RELATIONSHIP and RELIGION.

RELATIONSHIP trusts in God for all things.

Relationship is a state of being.

Salvation by faith.

Jesus did.

Jesus' righteousness.

Freedom.

Light.

Serving God is a Delight.

Life.

RELIGION trusts in self to get right with God.

Religion is a state of doing.

Salvation by works.

I do.

My righteousness.

Bondage.

Burdensome.

Serving God is a Duty.

Death.

Who is Your Source? God or Yourself...the Tree of Life or the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil?

Tree of Life	vs.	Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil
God is my source		I am my source
I am (relationship)		I do (religion)
I experience the pleasure of God		I try to please God
I focus on my Savior		I focus on my sin
Freedom		Bondage
Grace		The Law
Eternal life		Leads to death
God is good, forgiving		God is only a judge
God is not judgmental		We are condemned
We are loved		We strive to be loved
We are accepted		We strive to be accepted
We have it all		We try to work for it all
Faith		Fear
Peace		Worry
Love		Rejection
Rest		Strive
Receive		Earn
Life		Death

We choose to live in either the Tree of Life or the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. Whoever is our source at any given moment will produce the appropriate fruit in our lives.

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil they died spiritually, not naturally.

"We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, rather we are spiritual beings on a human journey." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You are incapable of being FULL of life apart from abiding in God!

Freedom begins by being born again! You cannot experience freedom until you submit yourself completely to God as your source...until your spirit is revived and the breath of God is flowing in you again!

All of Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil activity throughout our lives, every action, reaction, decision, vow, agreed upon thought that has flowed out of the TKGE is what has create our FALSE SELF. To demolish this FALSE SELF and return to our TRUE SELF as God created us is the work of FREEDOM and results in FULLNESS.

What did I lose in Eden? I lost the one thing that provided everything for me... my relationship with God.

What did I gain in Eden? I gained the one thing that cost me everything... my independence.

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John 14:6 I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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