

“Free!”

Gal. 5:1

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

My mother's great-grandfather was known as a free man. He was from Africa and arrived in the States in the mid-1800's, but he was never a slave. I suppose he enjoyed certain freedoms that his countrymen could not under the system of slavery. I've often wondered how he must have felt, you know, being free, being an African, and yet realizing his fellow descendants from Africa in this country were in bondage to slavery. In 1865 slavery was officially abolished, and former slaves were free to leave.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, God emancipated us from slavery to sin. That's why I love the words in Galatians chapter 5, verse 1. Listen to these words; “It was for freedom that Christ set us free. Therefore, keep standing firm, and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”

It was for freedom that Christ set us free. God's intention for us is for us to be free. Christ broke sin's power and He empowers us today to overcome sin even in our own lives.

He does not want us to return to slavery. Don't go back there. Every time we sin, and every time we go back, every time we yield, we once again say, “I don't want to be free. I want to be enslaved. I want to be controlled by sin.” We've got to fight for the freedom and the grace that is ours in Christ. That's why He said, “Keep standing firm.” Don't let anybody take you back. Don't let anybody turn you around. Don't go back in that direction. It is a system that's been canceled out. We've been emancipated and set free by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Jesus Christ set you free. Don't feel guilty for enjoying your freedom. You don't belong on Satan's plantation!