

YES!!
Liberty is situational. Freedom is existential.

FREEDOM

free**DOM**

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We love you. Yes, you

Is freedom even a thing?

Inscribed on the Liberty Bell

..."proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..."

~ Excerpted from Leviticus 25:10, KJV

Full verse: And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Bobby McGee & Bobby D

No one is free, even the birds are chained to the sky.

~ Bob Dylan

What Dylan actually wrote (last verse, "Ballad in Plain D", 1964)
Ah, my friends from the prison,
they ask unto me
How good, how good
does it feel to be free?"
And I answer them most mysteriously
Are birds free from the chains of the
skyway?

Isaiah 61:1

NIV. The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

TPT. The mighty Spirit of Lord Yahweh is wrapped around me because Yahweh has anointed me, as a messenger to preach good news to the poor. He sent me to heal the wounds of the brokenhearted, to tell captives, "You are free," and to tell prisoners, "Be free from your darkness (release the blind from darkness)."

Luke 4:18

NIV. “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free....”

TPT. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, **freedom** for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, ‘You are set **free!**’

2nd Corinthians 3:17; then Galatians 5:1

NIV. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

TPT. Now, the “Lord” I’m referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever he is Lord, there is freedom.

NIV. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

TPT. Let me be clear, the Anointed One has set us free—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

So then, why free**DOM**?

John 14:6a

NIV. I am the way and the truth and the life.

TPT. I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. (or “The True Reality”)

John 8:31-32

NIV. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

TPT. Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, “When you continue to embrace all that I teach, you prove that you are my **true followers**. 32 For if you embrace the truth, it will release more **freedom** into your lives.

Freedoms that cannot be taken but are constantly surrendered

- **My thoughts.** My mind carries the vision and the landscape of my world. My mind is the map, the GPS, the gas pedal, the brake and the steering wheel of my life.
- **My words.** They're forever. They have mass. They bend things & people.
- **My time.** More precious than anything. Never get it back. More valuable than diamonds. Turns out to be the only inventory I actually manage.
- **My choices.** I am always and forever the boss of my choices. I never have any control, whatsoever, over results or consequences. I can only create conditions and atmospheres.

Let's surrender well

- **Choose self.** Declaration of independence. I do me. No one else. Self-determination. Self-provision. Self-protection. Self-justification. Self-righteousness. "I'm the boss of me." "I'm the boss of my life." Based on actual results, how's that working?
- **Choose gods.** Career. Pastimes. Culture. Politics. Affinity. Money. Status. Causes. Country. Principles. Law & order. Power. Possessions. Addiction. Religion. Bibolatry. Swing wide the door for the enemy to enter. Feed him. Invite him to stay.
- **Choose LORD.** Path to Father. Present Holy Spirit. Identity. Authority. Calling. Assignment. Purpose. Righteousness (intimacy). Peace (wholeness). Joy. Belonging.

Renew. Choose with care. With intention. Daily. You are SO worth it.