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# FREEDOM

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# With Jesus Christ

# Freedom Is Free

We didn't get to know her name though she was a well known woman. But hers was a before and after story, one that you probably can identify with. She was ravaged for 12 years by an affliction that reduced her to a very frail woman and a subject of side talk.

*(And had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse - Mark 5:26)*

As you would have guessed, her fruitless experience with the people she visited for solution would have left her with no more hope for the future. Her life had become one of torment and sorrow. Regretfully, money could not buy the intervention she sought. There was the case of another man, under demonic affliction. He also would have been reduced to a laughing stock in the community and Church, where he lived.

*(Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon - Luke 4:33)*

This brings us to the influence of the devil in the life and affairs of man. And it all started from the time man, through Adam and Eve, was deceived into disobeying God.

Until that time, man was in honour, had authority and subject only to God his Creator and Benefactor. But man chose to listen to satan's deceptive words and ate the forbidden fruit at the garden of Eden. And by so doing, he unwittingly fell short of God's glory and became subject to the devil whose mission is to

steal, kill and destroy.

*(Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? - Romans 6:16)*



... Again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews:4:7)

That is why the experience of the woman and man earlier mentioned is typical of what many endure today. Perhaps you are even a victim of an affliction or oppression. You probably have been crying secretly or openly because of the abuse you suffer from the devil. There is a way out.

What made the difference for the woman and the man we referenced was their encounters with Jesus Christ. He restored them and made them whole. He can do the same for you too.

Your restoration starts with your reconciliation back to God, and it is only possible through Jesus Christ, His Son. He alone can break the yoke of sin, bondage and affliction, and unlike the physicians the woman visited, your salvation through His intervention is free. It is free because He had already paid the price with His blood on the Cross of Calvary.

## What then must you do now?

*(Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord - Acts 3:19)*

Take that step and see what God alone can do for you. This is your day.