

SET FREE

FROM ME

CHRISTIAN PRISONS 2



Romans 9:19-21 (GNT) But one of you will say to me, "If this is so, how can God find fault with anyone? Who can resist God's will?" But who are you, my friend, to talk back to God? A clay pot does not ask the man who made it, "Why did you make me like this?" After all, the man who makes the pots has the right to use the clay as he wishes, and to make two pots from the same lump of clay, one for special occasions and the other for ordinary use.

Romans 11:34-36 (GNT) As the Scripture says, "Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give Him advice? Who has ever given Him anything, so that He had to pay it back?" For all things were created by Him, and all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

How God's Nature Frees Us

1. God is in **control** and we're not.

Romans 11:36 (GNT) For all things were created by Him, and all things exist through Him and for Him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Acts 17:26 (GNT) From one human being He created all races of people and made them live throughout the whole earth. He Himself fixed beforehand the exact times and the limits of the places where they would live.

Romans 11:34 (GNT) As the Scripture says, "Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give Him advice?"

Jude 24-25 (NASB) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

2. God has your **back**.

Romans 9:20 (GNT) "Why did you make me like this?"

Romans 8:30-31 (ESV) And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) ...Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Acts 17:27 (NCV) God wanted them to look for Him and perhaps search all around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any of us...

Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

FREEING PRAYER IS S-I-M-P-L-E

S - STILLNESS

Psalms 46:10 (NIV) "Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalms 131:1-2 (NKJV) Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty... Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

I - IMAGINATION

Joel 2:28 (NIV) "I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

M - MEDITATIVE

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

P - PLAIN

L - LISTENING

1 Samuel 3:9-11 (NIV) So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if He calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle."

E - EDIFYING

Psalms 22:3 (NIV) Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the One Israel praises.

Psalms 100:4 (NIV) Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

3. God really isn't **mad** at you.

1 John 4:7-8 (GNT) Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Acts 20:24 (NIV) ...my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Philippians 3:18 (NIV) "For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ."

Romans 5:9 (NIV) Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!

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GRACE CHURCH

Services
 Sunday at 9 & 11 am

WHAT'S NEXT?



June 4, 2023

4701 Illinois Route 111
 Granite City, IL 62040

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 618.797.9910

SUN, JUN 4 • 5 – 7 PM • GYM
 YOUTH

GAME NIGHT!

AT THE CHURCH!

Fun, food & games! Grades 6 – 12 welcome!
 Questions? Contact Daniel Schafers @ 314.221.0118 or dschafers@GraceSTL.org

WOMEN

EAST ALTON
June 23 @ 6:30 pm
 We're going out for ice cream!
 Meet at the church at 6:30 PM.
 Kim @ 618-401-4455 / Katie @ 618-975-2264

BIBLE ADVENTURE!
 3 Years – 6th Grade

MONDAY JUNE 26
6 – 7:30 PM
 FUN! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP! PRAYER!
 Sign up: jmckinney@GraceSTL.org

DIVING IN!

VBS is going to be

Sun – Thurs July 16 – 20
 6 – 8:30 PM
 FREE for kids ages 4 years old – 6th Grade!

Sign up here! Or GraceEast.org/VBS

Questions? Contact Jen @ jmckinney@GraceSTL.org

Stop by the VBS Table!
 • T-shirts available!
 • Sign up to VOLUNTEER @ GraceEast.org/vbs-volunteer or scan here →

SMALL GROUPS & PRAYER

S.M.I.L.E	SUN	10:15 AM	Gym Room 103	Kyle & Wendy Knight	beveryblessed@yahoo.com	636-485-3827
Stretching/Scriptures	MON	9:30 AM	GCE Gym	Evelyn Harris	evharris@charter.net	618-558-7989
1 Peter	MON	6:00 PM	Sanctuary	Rufus & Melissa Valencia	rufus@GraceSTL.org	618-604-0534
The God in Me	TUE	10:00 AM	GCE B5	Marilyn Davis	saverdixon@gmail.com	618-709-2371
Womens Bible Study	TUE	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Kasey C. & Katie V.	kayy85@aol.com	618-420-2008
Bible Study	TUE	6:30 PM	Cook's home	Terry & Pam Cook	cook.terry@yahoo.com	618-789-3362
Jesus & Women	WED	11:30 AM	Kozer home	Lynnette Kozer	lkozer77@gmail.com	618-781-2744
Prayer	FRI	6:00 PM	Sanctuary	Kyle & Wendy Knight	beveryblessed@yahoo.com	636-485-3827
Youth Bible Study	1st & 3rd SUN	11:00 AM	GCE B3	Art & Megan Jalinsky	mjalinsky@sbcglobal.net	314-223-0133
YAM-Young Adults	2nd & 4th SUN	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Timmy Vaughan	timcanrecycling@gmail.com	618-876-9030