



July & August memory passage: **Psalm 19**

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#### Chuck Lawless - 13 Thoughts on Our Freedom

1. Many of us have more Bibles in our homes than people.
2. In one sermon, we hear more of the Word than 2 billion people in the world are likely to hear in a lifetime.
3. Many of our pastors have the freedom and the opportunity to get training.
4. It is generally not dangerous for us to initiate a conversation about Jesus and the gospel.
5. We have little fear that our church buildings will be destroyed this week because we shared the gospel.
6. Most of us have not been persecuted for our faith.
7. We generally have freedom to gather publicly as believers.
8. We have access to social media as a means to share the gospel.
9. Many believers wonder how long we will have these freedoms.
10. We sometimes talk about our freedom as Americans while living in bondage to our own sin.
11. On the other hand, Christ offers us freedom from our controlling sins.
12. TODAY is the day we have to serve the Lord.
13. The gospel grants us freedom not to worry about death.

**Praying Through Self-Reliance:**

- **Prayer is not incidental to the work of God- prayer is the work.**
- “You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.” - John Bunyan

**Psalm 18**

- 1. Tell God you love and trust Him. (vs. 1-3)**
- 2. Tell God you rely on Him when the struggle is real. (vs. 4-6)**
- 3. Recount the strength of God. (vs. 7-15)**
- 4. Recount the testimonies of God’s deliverance. (vs. 16-20)**
- 5. Recount the benefits of following Christ. (vs. 21-29)**
  - **Recognize that all righteousness comes from Christ (not you). (Luke 18:9-14)**
- 6. Recount the Holiness of God. (vs. 30-31)**
- 7. Testify to the world what God has done in and through you (don’t take any credit). (vs. 32-45)**
- 8. Praise the Lord and proclaim Christ to all who will hear. (vs. 46-50)**