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Sunday, June 30, 2019

Bound to be Free – A Chain of Connection

**TEXT:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Philippians 2:1-11

A chain gang is all about unity of movement.

* Connected without division.
* Connected with motivation to accomplish the purpose.
* Connection brings trust.
* Connection prevents the hazards that obstacles cause.
* Connection creates an informed and effective chain.

Bondservant - Romans 1:1; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 1:10; Philippians 1:1; Philippians 2:1-11; Colossians 3:22; Colossians 4:12-13; Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1:1; Ephesians 6:5-7;   
1 Peter 2:13-17

Bondservant (Doulos) - A slave, a bondman, a person of servile condition. A bondservant in the Bible is one who voluntarily gives himself   
up to another’s will. It is those whose service is used by Christ to extend and advance His cause among men. A bondservant is a sent one. Someone who is devoted to another to the disregard of one’s own interests.

Servile condition - Showing an excessive willingness to serve or please others.

Identity change - Our life is no longer our own, but belongs to Jesus.   
We are transformed, a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17

Submitted to Jesus and to you. 2 Corinthians 4:5, Galatians 1:10

* Phil. 3:10 (AMP) - Our purpose…to know Him and to make   
  Him known.

What does a bondservant look like?

* Everyday hero. Philippians 2:1-11
* Jesus is the ultimate bondservant. He gave up everything for us.
* Lay down your life; put aside your agenda;   
  be a light in the darkness.
* Like-minded - same purpose. Put aside differences to fulfill   
  His purpose.
* Together we can!

Bound together - Galatians 5:13-15

* Our freedom is demonstrated through our love and service   
  for each other. We are “bound” to be “free”.
* We are bondservants of Jesus; serving together and serving each other.

Pray for each other - Colossians 4:12-13

* A bondservant of Jesus labors in prayer for his brothers   
  and sisters.

Church is a Body - 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

* We are connected and work together as a body,   
  even when we don’t know we are.
* When we move in sync we are going where we need to go.
* When one of us is out of sync the rest of us feel the pain.
* Together we can! Apart we hurt!
* Heroes take action; they allow their joint to supply the need.

I am the Church! Psalm 92:15

NO! We are the Church and together we fulfill what He has called   
us to do.

* Planted—connected we flourish.
* Planted—connected we protect each other.
* Planted—connected we operate as the body   
  that He has ordained.

Intentionality is the grease that keeps the chain turning.

Without intentionality, the chain will freeze and the church will become stagnant; going through the motions but never touching and changing lives.

Bound to be Free

We are bound to Jesus and we are bound to each other.

Because we are bound and connected, we are FREE!

* FREE to be whom God has called us to be.
* FREE to love.
* FREE to show compassion to someone who is not like us.
* FREE to IMPACT our church, community, city, nation and world with the transforming love of God.

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