

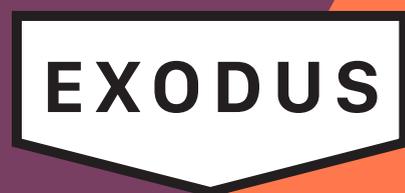


Journey to Easter with Exodus Lent

40 days to grow closer to God
and become a better man.

Freedom begins
Ash Wednesday

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What is Freedom?

Freedom is the ability to live out the greatest good, at every moment. It's the ability to master our bodies so that our souls can give of ourselves for others. It's the ability to keep hold of our emotions so that our minds can assent to truth. Freedom is not a mere matter of choice, but an effect of one's capabilities.

Freedom is knowing the truth and having the virtue to live from it. It's the ability to put our comforts aside and serve those around us. It's the ability to respond not with our feelings but with our reason. Freedom is not something entitled to us as men, but a gift given by God alone.

Freedom is utter detachment from the things of this world. It is trust-filled self-abandonment before the almighty God. It is an usher of peace. For with freedom comes joy, the absence of self-reliance, and an eradication of anxiety.

Freedom is not something that can be earned, awarded, or taken. No matter how hard we fight or labor to free ourselves, our work is in vain. The good news is, God desires our freedom even more than we do, and he is ready to lead us out of bondage and into the freedom that we seek. The delay has never been in his giving but always in our receiving.

Practically speaking, freedom can be granted in a moment, if we were willing to receive it. Most

often, though, we are not willing to accept such a gift all at once. And out of the utmost respect for each man, God does not force his gift upon us.

That means the timing is up to us. When we are ready to detach from worldly possessions, trust fully in God, and allow him to be the source of our peace, then and only then will our hands be open to receiving the gift of freedom he has prepared for us. Then, and only then, will we be men who are truly free.

The three pillars of the Exodus Lent Spiritual Exercise—prayer, asceticism, and fraternity—are aspects of the Christian life that are simply not adhered to faithfully by most men. Through a simultaneous full and active participation in all three of these pillars, men experience a great purification of mind and body that disposes them to receiving God's gift of freedom. Live the Christian life, and God will set you free. The Exodus Lent Spiritual Exercise effectively helps men to begin doing just that, all in 40 days.

The path to freedom is set before you. Choose to take it up.