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Bullseye - Week One: Identity: Leaving Home

Connect

The top two resolutions people make in the new year are “Lose Weight” and “Stop Smoking”. Have you made a resolution this year? What is it, if so? If it wasn’t a New Year’s resolution, what’s the last promise you made to yourself to do something different or better? How’d that go for you?

Grow

1. **Read Matthew 4:18.** Would you agree that God’s goal for you is to live a life of freedom? What evidence do you have that the assertion is true or false?
2. What kinds of “oppression” seem to keep you or the people you know from living with a sense of freedom?
3. **Read Luke 15:1.** Philip Yancey asked, “How did Jesus, the only perfect person in history, manage to attract the notoriously imperfect?” What does it feel like to be around someone who makes you feel welcome, accepted, and important?
4. **Read Luke 15:2.** Why is it so frustrating to be around people who are trying with all their might to be perfect while judging you for your imperfections?
5. What does it look like to have a “high view of yourself and a low view of God”? What does the opposite look like? What results from your choice between these two ways of thinking?
6. Scott Nickell said that *when we try to get from anyone or anything what we can only get from God we end up with nothing*. Have you or someone you know ever experienced that? What was the result?
7. **Read Luke 15:3-10.** What part of Jesus’ stories resonates most with you? Why do you think that is so?

Pray

A truly free person rests, laughs and loves a lot! Which of these three is easiest for you? Which is hardest? Start praying today to ask God to form this kind of freedom in you in the coming season of your life.

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Decide today to take steps to embrace the freedom Jesus came to give you. Part of that journey is becoming aware of what it means to live free in Christ. Take a sneak peek at all the truths about your freedom by clicking [HERE](#).