

## GROUP NOTES

### MY FAVOURITES - Freedom

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#### WELCOME

- What has been positive about the past week? Any good news? What are you thankful for? Have you got a testimony of what God has done?

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#### WORD

- When you hear the word “freedom” – what does that mean to you and what thoughts come to mind?
- GREEK: “eleutheria” (liberty / freedom) “a state of freedom from slavery”

John 8:31

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- If truth sets us free – then there is something which holds us captive... lies!

John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- Sometimes the lies of satan has a great influence on us. Jesus wants to set us free from that – by the truth of His word.

# 7 Lies the devil wants you to believe:

1) "You are not loved." John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- When was the time in your life when you felt most unloved?
- How do you think should we respond to God's love?

2) "You're a failure and without purpose." Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- God made you! What do you think is His purpose for your life?

3) "You're not worthy of God's blessing." Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

- You are already blessed! What are some of God's blessings in your life?

4) "You're on your own – God doesn't care." Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

- God is always with you – taking care of you. What situation would you like to bring to God and ask Him to intervene?

5) "You can't overcome this sin / challenge." Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- You can do it! Name your biggest challenge and confess "I can do it!"

6) "God remembers your sin." Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

- Once confessed God remembers our sin no more. Take 2 minutes of silence and confess any unconfessed sins to God.

7) "You can't make a difference." Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- Your life counts! The Holy Spirit helps us to represent God wherever we go. Do you need wisdom and strength for a specific situation? Pray for each other in the group.