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Chapter 8. Learning the power of real LOVE.

Week 29: Is God LOVE and why has He not given us freedom?

Video: Evan Almighty

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Word of the Week: Why/Freedom

Theme verse: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?* – Psalm 22:1

Additional Verse: *I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?”* – Psalm 42:9-10

Quote: “Don’t spend your precious time asking “Why isn’t the world a better place?” It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is “How can I make it better?” To that there is an answer.” – Leo Buscaglia

John Eldredge: “Falling in love with God is the most important thing a person can do.”

Questions: Ever ask why God did something, or did not do something? Why do you think you have not found the level of freedom you hoped for? Ever wonder why God’s love has not yet, created the change you desire?

Highlight Song: God Loves You, Greg Groeschel

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Word of the Week: Why

Dictionary:

adverb/conjunction

- for what? for what reason, cause, or purpose?: *Why did you behave so badly?*
- for what cause or reason: *I don't know why he is leaving.*
- for which; on account of which: *the reason why he refused to go.*

noun, plural whys.

- a question concerning the cause or reason for which something is done, achieved, etc.: *a child's unending hows and whys.*
- the cause or reason: the whys and wherefores of a troublesome situation.

Quotes: “All highly competent people continually search for ways to keep learning, growing, and improving. They do that by asking why.”

– Benjamin Franklin

“It is very important for young people keep their sense of wonder and keep asking why.” – Stephen Hawking

“Keep exploring. Keep dreaming. Keep asking why. Don't settle for what you already know. Never stop believing in the power of your ideas, your imagination, your hard work to change the world.” – Barack Obama

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“Motives reveal why we do what we do, which is actually more important to God than what we're doing.” – Joyce Meyer

Bible: Genesis 2:24-25

That is **why** a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, **why** have you forsaken me? **Why** are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

Psalm 42:9-11

I say to God my Rock, “**Why** have you forgotten me? **Why** must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?” **Why**, my soul, are you downcast? **Why** so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Proverbs 5:20-21

Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man’s wife? **Why** embrace the bosom of a wayward woman? For your ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all your paths.

Matthew 8:26

He replied, “You of little faith, **why** are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

Matthew 19:17

“**Why** do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”

Acts 26:8

Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead?

Romans 9:19-21

One of you will say to me: “Then **why** does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘**Why** did you make me like this?’” Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

1 Corinthians 11:29-31

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is **why** many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

Colossians 2:20

Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, **why**, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules.

Word of the Week: Freedom

Bible: Psalm 119:45

I will walk about in **freedom**, for I have sought out your precepts.

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim **freedom** for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.

Galatians 5:1 and 13

It is for **freedom** that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your **freedom** to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

James 1:25

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives **freedom**, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 2:12-13

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives **freedom**, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

1 Peter 2:16 and 19

Live as free people, but do not use your **freedom** as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. They promise them **freedom**, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”