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Chapter 13. Maintaining your freedom.

Week 52: The GOOD NEWS of the gospel, and God's story of redemption.

Video: Unbroken. [Click here to watch a video clip in our Vimeo account.](#)

Word of the Week: Gospel

Theme verse(s): *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.* – Mark 8:35

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” – Romans 1:16-17

Theme Quote: “The Gospel is not good advice to be obeyed, it is good news to be believed.” – Harry Ironside

John Eldredge: “Just like sunshine affects others, when the life of Jesus invades your life, you become a loving person. The effect on others is amazing.”

Questions: What is your understanding of “the Gospel?” How is the Gospel “good news” in the midst of pain and suffering? What does the good news of the “Gospel” mean to you?

Highlight Video: The Commission, Cain

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Dictionary:

noun

- the teachings of Jesus and the apostles; the Christian revelation.
- the story of Christ's life and teachings, especially as contained in the first four books of the New Testament, namely Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- something regarded as true and implicitly believed: *to take his report for gospel*.

adjective

- of, relating to, or proclaiming the gospel or its teachings: *a gospel preacher*.
- in accordance with the gospel; evangelical.

Quotes: “The simplicity of the gospel gives what the complexity of human wisdom promises but never delivers.” – John MacArthur

“Only those who have learned well to be earnestly dissatisfied with themselves, and to be confounded with shame at their wretchedness truly understand the Christian gospel.” – John Calvin

“The Gospel is not good advice to be obeyed, it is good news to be believed.” – Harry Ironside.

“The beauty of the ragamuffin gospel lies in the insight it offers into Jesus: the essential tenderness of His heart, His way of looking at the world, His mode of relating to you and me. ‘If you really want to understand a man, don’t just listen to what he says, but watch what he does.’ – Brennan Manning.

“The key to sharing the gospel is that you be inspired of God, that you ask Him for direction and then go and do as the Spirit prompts you.”
– M. Russell Ballard

“Anyone wanting to proclaim the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth must consider not only how to declare the gospel verbally but also how to demonstrate the gospel visibly in a world where so many are urgently hungry.” – David Platt

“To me, Gospel music is really any music that's a testimony and tells a story of what God has done in your life.” – Laura Allen

Bible: Matthew 24:14

And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Mark 8:35

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the **gospel** will save it.

Mark 16:14-16

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the **gospel** to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:15-16

That is why I am so eager to preach the **gospel** also to you who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

And even if our **gospel** is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the **gospel** that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Galatians 1:6-7

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different **gospel**— which is really no **gospel** at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the **gospel** of Christ.

Ephesians 1:13

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the **gospel** of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 1:8

So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the **gospel**, by the power of God.