

## RECLAIMING JUSTICE

### Reclaiming Justice - Part 4 -

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- Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)

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#### Our World is Captive to **Sin**

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."* - Romans 3:23 (NLT)

*"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family...' "* - John 8: 34 (NIV)

#### Our World is in **Darkness**

*"They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts."* - Ephesians 4:18 (NIV)

*"But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."* - John 11:10 (ESV)

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#### God Wants Us to Be **Free**

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."*  
- Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

#### We Must Reclaim our **Freedom**

*"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."*  
- Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

Freedom to Follow God

Say **YES**

The Rich Man and Heaven

#### Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions

1. To what sins do you feel captive in life?
2. Examine the idea of seeking to use your freedom in Christ to indulge in sin. Why is that so easy to do? When people think that way, what trap are they falling into? See 1 John 3:8.
3. Think, "How do I react to Jesus' answer to the rich man to give his wealth to the poor and to follow him?"
4. What is true Freedom?
5. Memorize Galatians 5:1 and ask God to make the freedom you have in Christ a reality in your life.