

TOGETHER WITH ONE VOICE

We Are Free From Condemnation
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- **Open in prayer.**
- **Introduction.**
- Discuss how the houses that are purchased and fixed up on HGTV and DIY reflect our lives.
 - Some houses are a mess on the inside but looks good on the outside...nice curb appeal.
 - Some houses are a mess on the outside but have real potential on the inside.
 - Some houses are a mess both inside and outside.
- **Read Romans 8:1-11.**
- **You are set free from the law of sin and death.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 8:1-2.**
- There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
 - What does that mean regarding your sins—past, present, and future?
 - Share an example where you are no longer condemned for your sin but you may still pay the consequence for your sin.
 - Discuss the statement, *In the midst of your consequences there's a supernatural God who wants to redeem your story for His glory.*
- Discuss the relationship of our value, *The Transformative Gospel of Grace*, with this Scripture.

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to be a community that invites and seeks out the wounded, the broken-hearted, and the marginalized so that they can be transformed by the Gospel of grace into the image of Jesus, joining Him in His mission to transform the world.

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to the belief that Grace is Jesus Himself coming to live in and through His people. Life in the Kingdom is empowered by the King of Kings, not human effort.
- What sin, failure, disappointment, addiction, or past experience is whispering in your ear that you're not worthy of the freedom you have in Christ?
- What does it mean for **you** to be "free from condemnation"?
- **Jesus took your condemnation and gave you His righteousness.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 8:3-4.**
 - How does this Scripture passage set Christianity apart from other religions?
 - Discuss the following statements:
 - *Jesus lived the perfect life you could not live.*
 - *He died the death you deserved.*
 - *He came alive again so that He could live in and through you.*
 - *As a Christ-follower, when God sees you, He doesn't see your unrighteousness, He sees Jesus' righteousness.*
- **Focus on the Spirit or focus on the flesh.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 8:5-8.**
- When we stop focusing on who we are and start focusing on who He is...everything changes.
 - Discuss what it looks like in your life to focus on the Spirit or to focus on the flesh.
 - How does our Vision (Upward, Inward, Outward) support this Scripture?
 - What does the enemy whisper in your ear to distract you from what God has done in your life?
 - Why is seeking help from others an example of loving yourself correctly and loving others compassionately?

- **You are His dwelling place.**
- **Read and discuss Romans 8:9-11 in The Message.**
- How does Jesus dwelling in you make a difference in your life? (Give examples)

- **Soul tattoo: Live free from condemnation and allow Jesus to live in and through you.**

- **Close in prayer.**
 - o Pray for the people of Nepal and thank God for the opportunity we have to partner with Samaritan's Purse to send them aid. (\$20,000)
 - o Pray that you and the people in your TC Group live out the Vision of Transformation Church—The Great Commission and The Great Commandment—on a daily basis.