



Rule of Freedom June 19, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture: James 1:19-27

Sermon Overview: Let's be honest. There's just about nothing we want more than freedom! Whether it's financial freedom, freedom from addictions, freedom within our workplaces, freedom to pursue our passions. Freedom is a desire in every direction. In James no nonsense, don't pull any punches, direct way, he gives advice on how to achieve freedom. It comes through the Word of God planted within us. When we cultivate God's Word and live it out on a daily basis, we become who God has made us to be. There's nothing freer than doing that which you were made to do! Join us as we journey into James 1:19-27 to unpack the Scripture.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *"The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild."*

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. In what ways is the Word of God a seed and a mirror as James refers to?
2. Pastor Joel said, "You can't audit faith. It comes alive when you live it out." In what ways are you currently living out your faith? How does it make you come alive?

3. Pastor Joel said, “The Word of God unlocks gifts.” The more you read Scripture, how have you seen this play out in your life?
4. In what ways are you growing in listening and seeking to understand others?

Digging Deeper:

- Visit ncc.re/ruleoflife to download a sketch of the sermon created by The Sketch Effect.
- Read the book of James and highlight revelations you can apply to your life.

Practical Application:

- Learn how to create your own Rule of Life: Online Masterclass June 28 and July 12. This 2-session online class will teach you how to create your own personal or family Rule of Life. Sign up at ncc.re/masterclass.
- Tune in to NCC Daily–Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at ncc.re/daily.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET ncc.re/upperzoom. Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to ncc.re/prayerpods to sign up.
- Join us on Thursdays at the Capital Turnaround for House of Prayer: ncc.re/houseofprayer.