

## Series: “*One Prayer*”

(Part 3 of 4)

“Unstoppable Who?”

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**Discussion Starter:** First impressions can be deceiving. Describe a time when you “judged a book by its cover” and were wrong.

**Explore:** Read Luke 18:18-27.

The book of James is one of the most practical books in the New Testament. James was the half-brother of Jesus and wrote as a pastor to remind believers that only real-life application of God’s Word leads to a life of true freedom.

1. According to James what attitudes and habits can inhibit our growth as a follower of Christ (vs. 21)? What habit can be a catalyst for growth?
2. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says (vs. 22-24)?
3. What promise does James give to the person who studies God’s Word and puts it into practice (vs. 25)? How have you experienced this promise in your own life?
4. How can we keep ourselves from being “polluted” by the world (vs. 26-27)?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Pastor Thomas said that many Christ followers look good on the outside, but on the inside may be carrying a load of baggage? What types of “baggage” can keep people from living an unstoppable life.
2. Read Galatians 5:1 together. What does it mean to be “free” in Christ? How have you experienced this in your own life?
3. Often when we think of “freedom” we think of “our” rights. Why is freedom more than just an opportunity to do what we want to do?
4. There is a big difference between your personal culture, pop culture, and kingdom culture. What has helped you to replace personal culture with kingdom culture?
5. Sin is like a “governor” which can keep a car’s motor from running at top performance. Share how your spiritual engine is running this week. How can the group pray for you?

**Live:**

As a group: Sub-group by guys and gals. The Bible tells us that there is healing through confession. In what area is God working to free your heart from a yoke of slavery today– confess it to the group and pray for one another.

On your own: Talk to God about your life. Ask Him to reveal any areas that need to be surrendered to His Lordship today.

## Listening Guide Notes

*“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)*

*“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” –Galatians 5:13 (NIV)*

Freedom is not a license to sin.

*“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself...”*  
–1 Corinthians 6:19 (NLT)

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” –John 10:10 (NASB)*

**How to walk in unstoppable 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)*

1. Stand firm and stay yoked to freedom.
2. Refuse to go back to the bondage of slavery.
3. Be obedient.

**Practical steps:**

1. Surrender your life to Christ.
2. Read the Bible daily.
3. Replace your personal culture with kingdom culture.
4. Don’t go it alone.

*“Creation itself is waiting, watching for the freedom it will experience when the children of God are released into the fullness of who we are in God.”*  
–Romans 8:21

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.” –Luke 4:18 (NIV)*