

Freedom To Speak

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Happy July to Superkids all over the world! In America, we celebrate our freedom every July.

One of the greatest freedoms to celebrate is the freedom of speech. In America, people have the right to say what they want to say, whether it is popular, truthful, kind or not.

I'm grateful to be able to freely write to you about Jesus every month! I try to teach you, help you, love you and bless you with instruction, wisdom and understanding.

I'm FREE to express God's Love to you with every WORD I write! I say, "Thank you," to every person who fought to make others free, especially those who fought and died so I could be free. That makes me think of another Hero who gave His Life for freedom for all of us. Any guesses? That's right! Jesus! He paid for our first freedoms! Even though some of us may not live in countries where freedom is celebrated, no one can take away the freedoms Jesus has given us. Freedom to be loved and healed by Him, to walk in His protection, peace and joy belong to every person who chooses Him. The freedom to choose Jesus can never be taken away! Because Jesus shed His blood for us, we are free to call on His Name and He will save us! That is freedom of speech for all of us! Superkid, I want to encourage you to remember today to be grateful for freedom in Jesus, no matter what country you live in.

As we express our gratitude, let's be mindful to give Jesus something in return. Think through these questions. Does

Jesus have freedom of speech in your life? Is He free to say what He wants to say to you? Do you listen to and obey His voice?

Jesus wants to be your Shepherd. In John 10:1-5 Jesus Himself tells about the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd and the sneaky stranger.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice" (*New Living Translation*).

Who gets to talk to you? Do you know His voice? You are the gatekeeper. You decide who you listen to. This is a free choice that you get to make. Ask yourself, *Do I listen to Jesus the Good Shepherd or the other voices that lead me in a different direction?* When the enemy speaks, don't listen! That sneaky stranger will lead you into trouble, not life and freedom.

When you choose to listen to Jesus,

you are GIVING Him your ear. You are giving Him freedom to speak to you and lead you. He doesn't sneak in to get your attention. He freely speaks and you follow Him. This is the key to receiving all the other freedoms that Jesus purchased for you. Receive His voice and you'll have His words—receive His words and you'll have His freedom. This is how we turn to the Lord for His help.

Second Corinthians 3:16-17 (*NLT*), is one of my favorite verses: "But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

It's that simple to find freedom in the Lord! So, to thank Him for purchasing our freedom, let's give Him freedom of speech! Let's give Him our ears!

And as He leads us, we can use OUR freedom of speech to tell others about our wonderful Shepherd and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Free to be free!

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