

## “Free at Last!”

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Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1*

**BIG IDEA:** Authentic Christians realize just because they can doesn't mean they should.

*“Everything is permissible,’ but not everything is beneficial.*

*‘Everything is permissible,’ but not everything builds up.”*

*1 Corinthians 10:23 (CSB)*

- ☞ **Will this be a liability or an asset? (v23; 6:12)**
  
- ☞ **Will this bring slavery or freedom? (6:12)**
  
- ☞ **Will I become a stumbling block or a stepping stone? (8:13)**
  
- ☞ **Will this tear down or build up? (v23)**
  
- ☞ **Will this please me or glorify God? (v31, 25-30)**
  
- ☞ **Will this turn others away or win them to Christ? (v32-33; 11:1)**

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**READ:** 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

**THINK:** Think about your freedom in Christ, and then ask yourself the following questions: *What freedoms you now enjoy have the potential to become a liability rather than an asset in your life? What freedoms could lead to slavery rather than genuine freedom? What freedoms could be a hindrance to another brother or sister in Christ? What freedoms build you up and what others have a tendency to bring you down? What freedoms do you cling to because they please you, but may or may not necessarily bring glory to God? What freedoms serve the evangelistic purpose of God's Great Kingdom and what others actually could turn others away from Christ?*

**DO:** Identify two or three “freedoms” you have that God may be asking you to set aside for any or all of the reasons addressed in this message.