

# Set Free Through Obedience to God's Word



*"The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts."*

Psalm 119:110

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When I trusted Jesus Christ as my Savior, I was trapped in sin. Because of sin done to me, I was *trapped* in bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness. I also felt *trapped* in sinful habits of my own choices. I remember as a new baby Christian crying out to Jesus to help me. I was so grateful for my salvation, and I wanted my life to glorify Jesus Christ!

Psalm 141:8 reads, *"But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute."* Beloved, I took my eyes off all the people who had sinned against me and took my eyes off of all of my sins. I fixed them steadfastly on the Word of God. AS I SAW GOD'S AMAZING GRACE in sending Jesus to die for a sinner like me and how He forgave me, I obeyed the Bible and forgave everyone who had sinned against me. I took refuge in Christ. He did not leave my soul destitute.

Knowing that Jesus loved me so much that He died to save my soul, I knew that I could trust Him to heal all the wounds I carried from years of growing up in an alcoholic home where I was constantly physically and sexually abused. Jesus not only healed and set me free, He opened doors internationally for me to speak and teach of His love, mercy, and faithfulness. Psalm 143:7-8 reads, *"Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You."*

As I obeyed God's Word, one by one He empowered me to resist temptations, and He set me free from bondage to sin. Every time I cried out to Him for help: 1) He answered me speedily; 2) He never hid His face from me; 3) He never failed me; 4) Every day He showed me His lovingkindness; 5) Daily, my trust in Him grew; and 6) the quicker I was to obey Him and His Word, the clearer I heard His voice as He daily helped me to make decisions and as He directed my path. Psalm 124:7-8 reads, *"Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth"* (bold mine).

Beloved, my soul was trapped in the devil's snare. I had no hope, no reason to live. I existed one day at a time. When I surrendered my past, present, and future into the hands of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit broke Satan's snare, and I escaped. My help was in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, and He continues to help me.

Beloved, many of you are trapped in bondage to sin. Cry out to Jesus to help you. Read and obey the Bible. Only Christ has the power to set you free. Only Christ has the power to keep you free. Do not turn around and walk back into sin again and again. Cry out to Jesus and obey Him, and you will be free.

— Janice McBride

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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