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Stir up!

This week we began to define "freed to love" in different terms. Not so much in our freedom to love BECAUSE we are loved, but because we are love - we are **Free to Love!** Sounds very similar, but the focus is different.

We've needed to spend time exploring the love God has for us so that we might "*know and believe*" it - I Jn. 4:16. Now however, we need to focus on the freedoms which come from resting in that love. We are liberated from living our lives enslaved to our own self-interests, and freed to spend ourselves on God and our siblings in Christ!

"Freed to Love" ...how?:

1. In believing what God has said and not **wallowing** in the mud of our old self-identity any longer.
2. Spending ourselves on others. - Phil. 2:1-18
3. Forgiving our brother.

Point #1 We are Freed to Love...in believing what God has said about our identity and not **wallowing** in the mud of our old self-identity any longer.

If you are the "toy" you did NOT make you! There is no design flaw! You are pleasing to

We considered Moses...as our example (I Cor. 10:1-11)

The lie that Moses believed concerning fulfilling His calling was that his speech impediment would keep him from fulfilling God's will and purpose in his life. ~ Exod. 4:1-12

The real question is however is what was God's answer to Moses's claim of suffering from a stuttering problem?

*"But Moses replied to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent-- either in the past or recently or since You have been speaking to Your servant-- because I am slow and hesitant in speech." The LORD said to him, "Who made the human mouth? Who makes him mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? **Now go! I will help you speak and I will teach you what to say.**" ~ Exod. 4:10-12*

Questions:

1. What is a token sign of not being made free in love? (2Peter 2:17-19; 1:1-10)
2. When we speak of being freed to love what does that NOT mean?
3. What does it mean?
4. Describe the difference between what Timothy began to do in the midst of his troubles as compared to the way Jesus handled His difficulty (II Tim. 1:1-7 & Mk. 6:17-35)
5. How does Jesus' response agree with Phil. 2:1-18 and how does that encourage us to act in similar circumstances?
6. According to Ecclesiastes 11:4 what was Moses doing? What does that mean?
7. In what ways do you find yourself "considering the wind"?