



"Being a Christian in America"

July 4 & 5, 2026

John 18:33-37

Opener: What is one freedom you are especially grateful to enjoy as an American?

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

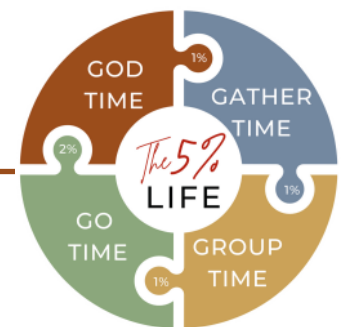
1. Read John 18:33–37. What does Jesus mean when He says, "My kingdom is not of this world"? What does this teach us about the difference between Christ's kingdom and earthly governments?
 2. Read Jeremiah 29:4–7. Why did God tell His people to seek the welfare of Babylon, even though it was not their true home? What does this teach Christians about serving the communities and nation where God has placed us?
 3. Read 1 Peter 2:13–17. What is the significance of Peter's instruction to "fear God" but only "honor the emperor"? How does this help Christians keep earthly authority in its proper place?
 4. Read Galatians 5:13–14. According to Paul, what is Christian freedom for? How is biblical freedom different from simply doing whatever we want?
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Live It: *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. The sermon says, "Freedom is easy to enjoy and easy to forget." What freedoms have become so familiar that you may sometimes take them for granted?
2. How can you help your children, grandchildren, or someone from a younger generation understand the value and responsibility of religious freedom?
3. Where are you most tempted in public life—to withdraw, become combative, place too much hope in politics, or remain silent when love requires you to speak?
4. What is one practical way you can use your freedom this week to serve another person, share the hope of Christ, or seek the good of your community?



GOD TIME:



Daily Bible Readings (July 5-11)

Sun:	John 18:33–37	Christ Our King
Mon:	Jeremiah 29:4–7	Seek the Good
Tues:	Psalms 77:11–15	Remember God's Works
Wed:	Romans 13:1–7	God and Government
Thurs:	1 Timothy 2:1–6	Pray for Leaders
Fri:	Galatians 5:13–15	Freedom to Serve
Sat:	Hebrews 11:13–16	A Better Country