



Freedom Trail - Week #1

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

The Freedom Trail begins for you when:

1. You are willing to believe that nothing is impossible for your God! (Luke 1:37)
 - Belief unlocks the impossible doors in your life.
2. You realize true freedom will always be a supernatural work of the Spirit. (Luke 1:34-35)

Holy Spirit Filling 101

Ephesians 5:18 (HCSB)

And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless actions, but be filled by the Spirit:

1. Recognize the presence and power of Holy Spirit routinely. (Ephesians 4:30-32; Ephesians 3:17)
2. Confess sin momentarily. (1 John 1:9)
3. Feed the Spirit the Word daily. (Colossians 3:16)
4. Ask for direction routinely. (Luke 4:1)

3. You gain courage through the testimony of other travelers. (Luke 1:36)