

WHAT ARE *pastors* SAYING?



Freedom in Christ Ministries helps us understand that the Christian life is first and foremost about who God has called us to be in Christ. I have seen many people in our church, myself included, given a new, life-changing approach to their Christian walk through FICM's tools. Being equipped to know our identity in Christ is the key element to spiritual growth and *The Steps to Freedom in Christ* is the best tool I've seen to date to combat the enemy's attacks. This ministry is vitally needed in our churches today!

—Pastor Keith, Oregon



Everyone has the need to feel secure, accepted and significant. We all want to be part of something bigger than ourselves. But most people don't see these hopes realized because there are root issues preventing them from growing in authentic relationship with God and others. That's where Freedom in Christ Ministries can help, in partnership with the local church. Once people have experienced freedom in Christ, they can and will grow as vital members of the faith community.

—Pastor Seth, West Virginia



One of the hardest lessons to learn as a pastor is how to get out of the way of God. Early on I tried to solve everyone's problems, throwing verses at them and becoming a private-eye pastor. But that's not how God transforms lives. God transforms by renewing our minds (Romans 12:2). This is where FICM's *The Steps to Freedom in Christ* excels. Many of these people have never interacted with God so personally as they do in the "Steps," but as they do, God begins renewing them. I love watching God at work!

—Pastor Kyle, Minnesota



The resources of FICM are not only biblically sound, but presented in a systematic manner that takes the believer on a journey from forgiveness, to overcomer, to disciple maker. This is material every local church, including ours, needs! Through this ministry, I've seen my pulpit teaching and "one-on-one" meetings change. I now encourage the saints to remember who they are in Christ before they try to "walk worthy" of the calling. That is the difference between grace-based truth and law-based behavior modification. The difference is like day and night.

—Pastor Randy, South Carolina



Many people have great difficulty grasping their identity and purpose in life. As a pastor, I am so thankful for Freedom in Christ Ministries. I know that FICM leaders will help our people have an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ. Those ministered to by our CFM come to experience a greater freedom than they have had before, by understanding and embracing at a deep heart level who they are in Christ, and overcoming the strongholds in their lives.

—Pastor Chip, California



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

LUKE 4:18-19

Every believer
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in Christ



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**IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT
CHRIST HAS SET US FREE**

Galatians 5:1

WHO IS FREEDOM *in* CHRIST MINISTRIES?

JESUS TOLD US TO MAKE DISCIPLES, NOT JUST CONVERTS. GOD'S DESIGN IS FOR HIS PEOPLE TO BE "FREE AND FRUITFUL" FOLLOWERS EMPOWERED TO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES. THIS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR EVERY BELIEVER, IN EVERY CHURCH, IN EVERY NATION—FOR ALL TIME.

History of FICM

Freedom in Christ Ministries was founded in 1989 by Dr. Neil T. Anderson while serving as a professor of practical theology. He realized Christians often needed helpful guidance with how to overcome their personal and spiritual conflicts so they could live free and fruitful in Christ. The results of his study and experience are his best-selling books, *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*—along with a biblical, moral and spiritual inventory called *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*. From that beginning, FICM has now grown to hundreds of trained staff and volunteers serving all across the nation and around the world.



Common QUESTIONS

Why is freedom in Christ important for every believer?

Our salvation in Christ is just the beginning of our discipleship journey to maturity. Sadly, many of God's people are stuck in wrong thinking, feeling and doing; so they can't grow up spiritually or be fruitful. There is a missing ingredient, a bridge, between our salvation in Christ and our maturity in Christ—that bridge is discipleship which includes our freedom in Christ.

Since Christ already died for our freedom, how can a Christian not be free?

Every Christian is deeply loved by God, but not all experience that love. Likewise, every believer in Christ has been set free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1–2), but not all are experiencing that freedom. We must stand firm and not allow ourselves to be enslaved again (Galatians 5:1).

Is FICM only for struggling Christians?

Absolutely not. Every believer needs to know his or her new identity, position, authority and freedom in Christ. We all battle the traps of the world, sinful tendencies of the flesh and temptations, tricks, and taunts of the devil. FICM is a discipleship ministry for the whole church so that all may walk intimately with Christ as His free and fruitful followers.

Is FICM a spiritual warfare ministry?

FICM is a discipleship ministry. We provide biblically balanced tools to help believers reject lies and choose truth, having their minds renewed and their lives transformed in Christ. Any discipleship ministry that ignores the reality of the spiritual world will be fundamentally flawed. But our purpose in FICM is to help God's people walk closely with the Lord Jesus, freely abiding in Him and bearing much fruit for His glory.

For more answers: www.ficm.org/FAQ or ficm.org/gfd



HOW FICM EQUIPS THE SAINTS *for Ministry*

What is our strategy? We equip pastors and lay leaders to help their people live as free and fruitful disciples of Jesus.

How do we equip leaders? FICM equips pastors and lay leaders to personally experience and effectively teach the life-giving truths of our identity, position, authority and freedom in Christ through **Community Freedom Ministry University (CFMU)**. Through CFMU, leaders are also prepared to take their people through a biblical, transferable ministry tool of repentance and faith called *The Steps to Freedom in Christ*.

What is a Community Freedom Ministry (CFM)? A CFM is a discipleship ministry within a congregation or Christian organization that provides an environment for individuals, marriages, families and entire churches to experience a renewal of life, joy, growth and fullness in Christ.

What is a Community Freedom Ministry Associate (CFMA)? A CFMA is an individual who has completed the CFM Coordinator Track (3 online CFMU courses plus a face-to-face Practicum) and is authorized by their church/organization and by FICM to develop a CFM.

Our tools for FREEDOM & FRUITFULNESS

Our FICM Online Bookstore has over 100 books, DVDs, and other tools to help believers live free and fruitful lives in Christ.

Whether you or those you lead are wrestling with fear, anxiety, anger, depression, addiction, or something else, we are happy to help you discover which ministry tool is right for you.



Where do I start?

Our primary teaching tool is the *Freedom in Christ Course*. This resource is perfect for a small or large group study. The classics, *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*, are still foundational to all of our resources.

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