

**“I CAN’T BREATHE” #3
HEARING. ACTING. UNITING**

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“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.” *Philippians 1:27-28 NIV*

UNDER PRESSURE...

GOSPEL = _____.

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“Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[e] free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,^[e] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.^[e] And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” *Romans 8:2-4 NIV*

GOSPEL FREEDOM _____.

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.” *1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV*

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A BIBLICAL ACTION STEP: _____.

“And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is ^[e]honored, all the members rejoice with it.” *1 Corinthians 12:26 NASB*

GOSPEL FREEDOM _____.

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” *1 Corinthians 9:24-25 NIV*

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A BIBLICAL ACTION STEP: _____.

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NIV

GOSPEL FREEDOM _____.

“Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NIV

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A BIBLICAL ACTION STEP: _____.

“For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.” *1 John 4:20 NIV*

THE UNLIKELY CANDIDATES

“It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.” *2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NLT*

FOR DISCUSSION

WHAT HAS THIS DISCUSSION OF RACE, CULTURE, AND FAITH REVEALED FOR YOU (IF ANYTHING) ON A PERSONAL LEVEL? BE SPECIFIC TO YOURSELF.

HOW DOES THE GOSPEL (THE MESSAGE OF GOD’S LOVE THROUGH CHRIST) STRENGTHEN AND EMPOWER YOU IN THIS MOMENT?

WHICH ASPECT OF “GOSPEL FREEDOM” COMFORTS/CHALLENGES YOU?

HOW CAN YOU BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT SEE AS A MAN OF GOD IN THIS MOMENT?