

Freedom!

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Your regular newsletter from Freedom In Christ Ministries

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Just as Neil Anderson always seems to be able to write books faster than we can read them,

new things are happening in the world of FIC faster than we can digest them!

We are pleased to bring you news of some of these. They range from new books (but not by Neil this time!) to a global prayer strategy and a youth version of the Discipleship Course.

One of the most significant new things that we have seen recently is the first city-wide event (in Reading) where leaders of "the one Church" got together simply to humble themselves and repent of corporate sin using FIC's methodology. Only time will tell just how significant this will prove to be.

As if to emphasise this new phase, we even have a brand new look - we hope you like it. We have also refreshed the content of every single one of our teaching events - details of new dates are enclosed. And, after 6 years of being in an office without windows or running water, we have moved to a new office with both.

Phew!

God is always doing a new thing. We are just pleased that, if we keep in step with Him and keep depending on Him, we can leave the rest to Him!

Steve & Zoë Goss

News

New Books

Steve Goss has written four new books specifically to accompany the Discipleship Course and help participants take the message deeper. Designed to be an easy read, they cost just £5.99 each or £19.95 for the set of four with discounts for churches. Leaflets are available for you to give out to course participants. As we go to press the books have been out only a matter of weeks but have already sold thousands of copies and are getting excellent feedback. See back cover for full details.



Global Prayer Strategy

This ministry runs on prayer. Clay Bergen, an intercessor by calling and Director of FIC Canada, is developing a global prayer strategy for Freedom In Christ Ministries and has taken it upon himself to visit all of FIC's offices around the world to teach on prayer and gather ideas. He recently spent a very fruitful day with our core intercessory team (pictured below - Clay is the big guy at the back!). So far he's been to the USA, Switzerland and the UK. Next stops: India and Australia.



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Community freedom



Following our series of Leaders Forums which touched upon the principles of repentance in the Church bringing freedom to communities, church leaders from across the church in Reading met on Ash Wednesday to embark upon a repentance process using input and methodology from FIC. They are the first group to begin to put the principles into practice. Others are expected to follow. FIC is available to speak to leaders' networks on this subject - please contact the office for more information.

Carolyn's new ministry

Carolyn Bramhall, who has been



heading up FIC's "Walking With The Wounded" team, is in the process of setting up her own organisation. Called "Heart For Truth", it will equip leaders to help those who are hurting or on the fringe become fruitful. Carolyn remains very much part of the Freedom In Christ team and will continue to teach at our events.

Web whizz?

We are looking for someone to help us give our website a makeover. Please get in touch if you can help.

Marriage Weekend For Leaders Sold Out

More and more leaders want to attend our "Setting Your Marriage Free" weekends both for their own benefit and in order to take the approach back to their churches. Our most recent weekend sold out completely shortly after being announced by e-mail and there is a waiting list for future weekends. Future dates will be announced on-line and via e-mail (please

make sure we have your current e-mail address if you would like to be informed). We are also making the teaching material and resources available to churches - see the Shop section of our website.

A host of new dates for our other main events have just been announced. See our website or leaflets for more information.



Youth Discipleship Course with Youth For Christ



We need to present the message of the course in a totally different way.

More than ever, young people in our churches need to know who they are and what they have in Christ. The message of the FIC Discipleship Course is vital.

However, in order to scratch where most young people are itching, the course needs to be presented in a totally different way. To that end we have spent 18 months or so piloting a youth version of the Discipleship Course in churches around the UK and gathering feedback.

We are now delighted to announce a partnership with Youth For Christ (YFC) to complete the development of this crucial resource. YFC worked on the

highly successful Youth Alpha course for Holy Trinity Brompton and we will be working with the same team. The new course is expected to be available in 2009.

Steve Goss says, "We don't expect the youth course to bear huge resemblance to the existing course. The basic messages will be the same, of course, but the presentation will be very different. It has to speak to young people in a way they will identify with. It's difficult to imagine anyone better than YFC to do this 'translation' with us."

It is likely that the course will end up in two or three different forms to cater for different levels of age

and maturity. We are also developing plans to train youth leaders so that they really "get" the message themselves and can pass it on using the new course.

Gavin Calver, YFC's Director Of Church Resource, says, "Youth For Christ is so excited to be partnering with Freedom In Christ Ministries on this venture. We hope that thousands of young people will be able to discover their freedom in Jesus and what it means to live life to its fullest."

YFC's team will be headed up by Phil Knox. He will be working closely with Sue Lea, a secondary school teacher with a big heart for young people from FIC's youth team. See below for your opportunity to be a part of it.



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young people will be able to discover their freedom in Jesus

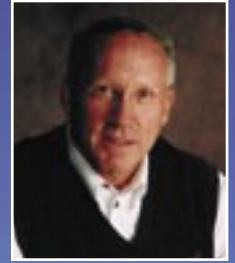


Please Help Us Fund This Crucial Project For Young People

It will cost a lot more to produce the youth version of the FIC Discipleship Course than we can hope to recoup through sales. We have embarked on the project in faith but need to raise £20,000 to cover the cost of multi-media production. Just as we were going to print we heard news of a fantastic gift of half that amount! Can you help with a contribution towards the rest? If the adult course is anything to go by, we can expect this new youth course to be used by many tens of thousands of young people in the UK. It will also be used overseas. It's difficult to think of a more effective way to equip the next generation of Christians. Please consider helping to make it possible. We can recover Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer. You can donate on-line or by post. Contact the FIC office for more information.

Celebrate 20 Years Of Freedom!

You are invited to Freedom In Christ's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration Events with Neil Anderson in Interlaken, Switzerland, July 16 to 19 2008



It is 20 years since Neil Anderson first started ministering under the title "Freedom In Christ". Since then, his core books, *Victory Over The Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*, have sold millions of copies and been translated into more than 30 languages. Countless lives have been changed as Christians have understood who they are and what they have in Christ and how to resist Satan's schemes.

To celebrate, Freedom In Christ Ministries International is pleased to invite you to Interlaken, Switzerland to join with leaders from around the world for a special conference with Dr. Anderson and other FIC leaders.

Interlaken 08 is an opportunity not only to thank God for what he has done through Freedom In Christ Ministries worldwide but to be equipped further yourself. And, of course, it would be difficult to find a more beautiful place than Interlaken so you can plan some rest and relaxation too.



There are two events – come to one or both!

Event 1: 20th Anniversary Celebration - 16 to 19 July

On the evenings of Wednesday to Friday and Saturday daytime, Neil Anderson will present some of the teaching from his two main books in a "Living Free In Christ Celebration Conference". As well as the teaching, you will hear testimonies from around the world, have opportunity to connect with others and worship God together. This event is free of charge (a love offering will be taken) but places are limited and you will need to book in advance.



Event 2: Leaders Equipping Event - 17 & 18 July (daytime)

Neil Anderson and other Freedom In Christ leaders from around the world will present an equipping event primarily for church leaders but open to everyone. Its objective is to equip you further to use this approach in your own ministry. There will be a host of elective sessions to ensure that you are able to spend time on the areas that particularly interest you including, for example, Setting Your Church Free, Setting Your Marriage Free, Depression and Anxiety Disorders, Sexual and Chemical Addiction and Spiritual Protection For Our Children. The cost of this event is £40 and again it is important to book in advance.

How To Book

You can book conference places online at www.ficm.org.uk or by calling us on 0845 230 2677 (local rate).

You will need to book your own travel and accommodation. Interlaken has plenty of accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets. There is a section of our website at www.ficm.org.uk/interlaken08 with suggestions and information on Interlaken, the conference venue and how to get there.

"Interlaken 08 is a fantastic opportunity to be refreshed and to connect with Christians from all over the world." Steve Goss.

Spiritual Protection For Our Children - one of the elective sessions at Interlaken 08



Ed and Linda Smith's daughter, Cheri (pictured), left home at 17 years of age with a young man she barely knew. She ended up living on the streets and became a prostitute to help support his drug habit. Months later she was murdered.

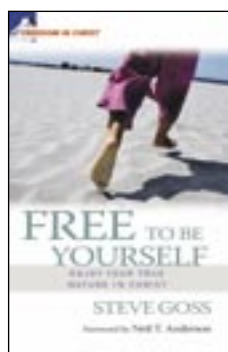
Linda says, "We felt absolutely helpless as we watched our lovely daughter destroy herself. Since that time we have met many parents who feel the same about their own situation. But there is hope! There are answers, and we want to share them."

Ed and Linda now work for Freedom In Christ Canada and will lead the elective session on Spiritual Protection For Our Children. They will expose some of the tactics that the enemy uses against our children and explore the weapons that God has given us to help our children stand against these attacks. They will help us understand that it is not enough to cut off harmful influences – we also need to show our children how to find freedom and identity in Jesus Christ.



New books: The Freedom In Christ Discipleship Series

The long-awaited book series by Steve Goss to accompany the Discipleship Course is now available. The books are designed to be straightforward and easy to read – there is one for each of the four sections of the Discipleship Course. They are highly effective in reinforcing what people are learning as they go through the course but also work very well for those who are unable to attend a course but still want to get hold of the teaching.



Book 1 – Free to be Yourself

Enjoy your true nature in Christ.

Many Christians act as they think a Christian should act – and find that they simply can't keep it up. They either drop out or burn out. True fruitfulness comes from realising that we became someone completely new the moment we became Christians. Living out the truth of who we now are makes all the difference.

The 'eternal life' that Jesus came to give us is not just something we get when we die. It's a whole different quality of life right now, a life

which gives us perfect acceptance, phenomenal significance and complete security. Know the truth and choose to believe it and you can be the person you were made to be.



Book 2 – Win the Daily Battle

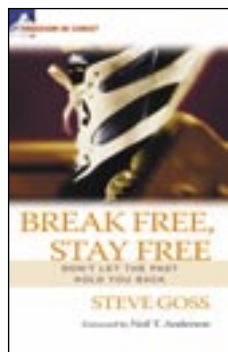
Resist and stand firm in God's strength

If you are a Christian you are in a raging battle, whether you like it or not. Your only choice is to stand and fight or to become a casualty.

Arrayed against you are the world, the devil and the flesh. They seem formidable. However, once you understand just who you are in Christ and how your enemies work, you can expect to emerge victorious from every skirmish with them.

This practical and straightforward book

demystifies the spiritual battle so that you can live as the conqueror you now are in Christ.

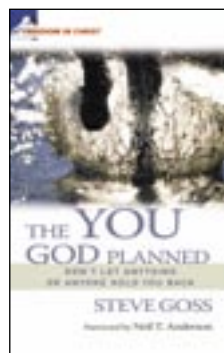


Book 3 – Break Free, Stay Free

Don't let the past hold you back

Every Christian has a past. It can hold us back big-time. Those of us carrying a lot of "stuff" know that only too well. But even those who have had a relatively trouble-free existence thus far will benefit from understanding how to identify, and resolve, past sin and negative influences that stop us moving on.

The great news is that Jesus came specifically to resolve past issues. He does not offer to change our past but He does allow us to walk completely free of it (no matter what it is) as we play our part.



Book 4 – The You God Planned

Don't let anything or anyone hold you back.

Once we have claimed our freedom in Christ, how do we remain in it to ensure that we become the people God is calling us to be?

How do we know what God is calling us to be anyway? Are the goals we have for our lives in line with his goals?

How on earth do we stop other people getting in the way of our growth to fruitfulness? And how do we avoid getting in their way?

The You God Planned answers these questions and shows how we can play our part in the Church, the Bride of Christ, as she prepares herself for his return.

How To Order

Each book costs £5.99 or you can get the set of four for £19.95. Churches can order ten sets of four for just £175. Post and packing: £3 (orders under £20), or £6 (above £20). Order on-line at www.ficm.org.uk or call us on 0845 230 2677.

Questions And Answers

"We have found that the issue of fear comes up a lot during the freedom appointments or Away Day and would therefore like to use the Fear Appendix but this takes quite a long time to do if each fear is analysed for the lie and the truth and the resultant behaviour. Can anyone advise how they approach this?"

This question recently appeared on our on-line Freedom Fellowship Forum and generated a lot of discussion. Here are some excerpts from responses from Freedom Fellowship members.

"We dealt with it by confessing and renouncing specific fears that came to mind during the appointment but without delving any deeper at the time. Then, during the couple of weeks when we were waiting for everyone to go through their individual appointments, we looked at the two appendices as a group (one appendix per session) on the grounds that they were extremely useful and it would be easy for people to go away and forget about them!"

"During Step 2 of the Steps, we refer to the "Are you fearful and Anxious" box on page 31. For those who are aware that fear of one or more things is an issue, we take time during their appointment to tick the boxes on page 75 and pray the two prayers on page 76. It does take extra time to discern the lies and the corresponding truth, but I think it is important for those for whom fear of some kind is a big issue. Recently we also found that for one person, this section was a key area to understanding certain behaviour patterns."

"We have had both fear and anxiety come up during appointments and have decided in most cases to isolate the fear or anxiety and we set another date to deal with it. This means we finish the appointment without being exhausted and also deal with the fear."

"I have found that the fear issue comes up for most people I take through the Steps in individual appointments. My practice is always to get the freedom seeker to say the prayer and see what comes up. However, I also always explain that if something comes up then some form of homework will probably be necessary. Working through the lie behind the fear is difficult to do on the spot unless there are only one or two fears revealed. I get the freedom seeker to say the prayer of confession and get them to put nothing in the blanks at this stage. So "I have believed a lie." etc. After the appointment I suggest they spend some time in the coming week perhaps with the prayer partner to work through the appendix, to find out the lies believed behind the fear and then repeat the prayers. This is really as important as finding a stronghold as the lies may well be part of the underlying stronghold(s)."

If you are using the FIC approach, you will benefit from joining the Freedom Fellowship. As well as access to the on-line forum, you get a binder of useful resources (such as the Confidential Personal Inventory and Statement of Understanding for freedom appointments) all of which are also downloadable from a special section of our website, and a host of advice on running personal freedom appointments. It costs £20 a year. More details on-line.

