

New Books

Am I A Good Girl Yet?



"High-pitched childish screams explode into the air, unrelenting, shot through with blind terror. A wounded animal? A torture chamber?"

"I know her well - oh, how well I know her! I have heard her screams often. That child is me."

Carolyn Bramhall grew up in what seemed to be a normal home. She graduated from Bible college, married, found a job as a youth worker. Then nightmares and panic attacks started to swamp her and a host of other personalities started to make their presence felt, each created to carry some aspect of truly ghastly past pain.

She spent many years trying to recover from "Dissociative Identity Disorder" until she came across a small church using Freedom In Christ principles where she was helped by a small team (which included Steve and Zoë Goss) to find her freedom. Carolyn now heads up the "Walking With The Wounded" branch of Freedom In Christ Ministries.

"Knowing Carolyn as I do, I realise just how miraculous her story really is. This book MATTERS!" - Jennifer Rees Larcombe

"An amazing, gripping, painful horror story filled with love and hope, and ending in uplifting triumph." - Donna Fletcher Crow

"A well-written story of an apparently idyllic childhood, followed by a startling discovery, disorder, chaos, illness, help, prayer, friendship, healing and Life with a capital L." - Gerald Coates

"I was moved by the narrative from beginning to end. It will bring hope and help others towards real healing." - Dr Elaine Storkey.

Price: £7.99 FC162 Available October 2005 (may be ordered in advance)

Songs Of Freedom

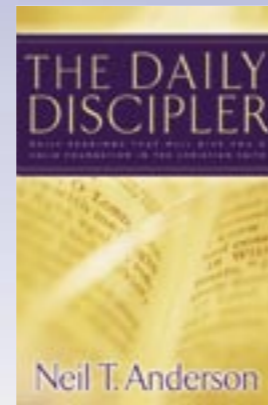


A collection of 13 testimonies of people who have been helped by using the Freedom In Christ approach in their local church. It includes stories from people struggling with deeper issues such as anorexia, drug addiction, alcoholism and the occult to more

"ordinary" Christians such as a church leader battling perfectionism. The stories are told in the words of the individuals with a commentary by Steve Goss to bring out the main learning points, both for individuals and for those helping others.

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The Daily Discipler



A substantial new book by Neil Anderson to help you get firmly rooted in Christ, grow in Christ, live in Christ and overcome in Christ. It contains a Bible passage and a lesson for each day of the year and will take you on a journey of discipleship.

Ideal for individuals who have been through the Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course and want to keep working on the principles. 560 pages, hardback.

Price: £14.99 FC161

Order from Freedom In Christ. Please include £3 p&p for orders under £20 and £6 p&p for orders over £20.



Freedom in Christ News

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What an encouraging bunch of people you are! It's such a privilege to work in this life-changing ministry and hear the most amazing stories of what God has done in people's lives and in churches around the country... marriages turned around, a lady who had spent £30,000 on counselling finally finding her freedom and moving into effective leadership, the spiritual atmosphere changing in churches... Thank you for sharing with us. Jesus said that people would know us by our fruit and I guess that, as we claim our freedom and become disciples, we can't help but have increasingly powerful testimonies.

As part of the preparation for our new one day course about growing more fruitful disciples, I had the privilege of going out with a film crew to film testimonies from church leaders and individuals. It was so encouraging! I'm hoping to get all of the testimonies onto a DVD (watch this space!) so that you can use them as you run the Discipleship Course but, in the meantime, do try to get to a "Getting Started With The Freedom In Christ Approach" event to see them for yourself.

Many of you will know Carolyn Bramhall, leader of our "Walking With The Wounded" team. I have been privileged to watch the Lord take Carolyn from a place where the NHS said they had nothing else to offer her to being a hugely effective and fruitful disciple.



You can read Carolyn's life story in her new autobiography, *Am I A Good Girl Yet?* You will be horrified by what one human being can do to another, yet uplifted and encouraged as you see how God triumphs through a local church applying the FIC approach. In *Songs Of Freedom*, another new book, you'll read 13 more encouraging testimonies of people helped in other UK churches using the same approach. These two books will be an excellent resource as you help people take hold of their freedom (more info on the back cover). Could your church see this kind of testimony and this degree of fruitfulness? Absolutely!

As if that wasn't enough encouragement for one newsletter, I am bowled over by the fantastic response from churches to the Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course. In its first 9 months, we estimate that an astonishing 15,000 people did the course and it continues to grow. You can read comments from leaders inside.

Isn't God good?

Yours, encouraged...

Steve

Steve Goss, Executive Director

New One Day Event



We're pleased to announce a brand new one day event taking place all around the UK to give people everything they need to get up and running with the Freedom In Christ approach. It lays a solid foundation of Biblical principles and then shows how to use FIC's tools to create an environment where people become fruitful disciples quickly. Full details are on the back cover including ways you can help spread the word.

Freedom In Burundi

Tim Baynes Clarke, one of our teaching team, had the opportunity to teach the FIC approach to leaders in Burundi, a country still suffering from the effects of brutal genocide. Through a process of writing down their deep wounds on paper, sharing in small groups, and then nailing their papers to a cross which was burnt, they gave those wounds to God. Tim says, "The sense of God's presence, the liberation that was clear and the spontaneous moments of praise and dancing celebration were testimony to the healing work of God. Some were physically healed and many testified afterwards to the incredible work God had done in setting them free from their wounds but also their involvement in the occult and other areas of bondage". They were also taught to use FIC teaching, including the Steps To Freedom and stronghold-busters. Many of the pastors are already reporting excellent results.



Tsunami Aid Continues In India



Freedom In Christ India's office is just 5 miles away from villages devastated by the Boxing Day tsunami. Director Isaac Manogaram saw the disaster first hand shortly after it happened and immediately mobilised a local relief effort that is still underway. Once the immediate needs were met, they set about concentrating on helping restore a normal life to children by, for example, replacing school books, pencils and pens.



Freedom In Europe

We have been working closely with FIC's Swiss office (director Roger Reber is pictured with Steve Goss). Conferences have been organised all over Europe and there are plans afoot to open an office in France in the coming year. We'll keep you posted.



Getting Started With Freedom In Christ

New Event!

It's not as if we don't already have fruitful disciples in our churches. Just not enough! Jesus commanded us to make disciples - not just converts - and there's no reason at all why every Christian should not become everything God wants them to be.

This brand new one-day event will equip you to help every Christian in your church grow to maturity and bear fruit that will last. First we'll establish a foundation of key Biblical principles. Then we'll look at practical ways to implement them using The Steps To Freedom In Christ and The Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course.

"Getting Started With The Freedom In Christ Approach" includes video clips from leaders and individuals who share their stories, tips and experiences. In short it will equip you with everything you need to get up and running.

Topics covered include:

- Helping every Christian mature and become fruitful much faster
- Why many Christians do not know what they already have
- Equipping people to win the spiritual battle and stand firm
- Helping others assume responsibility for their walk with the Lord
- Why we can expect every Christian (no matter how badly "messed up") to become a fruitful disciple
- Introduction to taking people through The Steps To Freedom In Christ to resolve personal and spiritual conflicts
- Practical tips for running The Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course

This one day event is running all around the UK – there's bound to be one near you!

Can you help us spread the word?

We've noticed that it's word of mouth that gets new churches interested in Freedom In Christ. Do you have the possibility of

giving a leaflet about our new event to a church leader? Or do you have the ability to distribute leaflets to a network of leaders or persuade your local Christian bookshop to give them away? If so, we'd love to hear from you – we have a practically unlimited supply of leaflets.



Here's a guide for non-techies on getting the most out of our website: save money on book orders; get advice on using the FIC approach; download the documents you'll need; ask questions of others; download useful material for the Discipleship Course; get our news automatically; oh yes, and remind yourself about your wedding anniversary!



Elaine Jones, office manager, downloads orders

Explaining The FIC Approach To Others

If you are looking to understand the Freedom In Christ approach or explain it to others, the website is invaluable. There is a special path through the site for leaders which explains step by step everything they might want to know. There are special sections too for those who want to know how to use the approach with young people or those with deeper wounds.

Freedom Fellowship Online

If you use the Freedom In Christ approach, we strongly recommend that you join the Freedom Fellowship, our way of supporting you. For just £20 annual membership, you receive a binder containing a whole heap of helpful advice as well as the standard documents you will need.



You also get access to a members-only section of the website. This includes a forum where you can ask questions and give the benefit of your own experiences. As we go to print, topics under discussion include freemasonry, "demonology", helping alcoholics and after care groups.

You can also download soft copies of all of the documents in the binder, particularly useful if you want to customise the Confidential Personal Inventory or the Statement of Understanding for your own setting. Join on-line in the "Shop" section of the site.

Online Ordering Saves Money

The Shop section of the site is a quick and easy way to order from FIC and the post and packing is calculated according to the weight of what you order. We guarantee that you will pay no more than the standard price - but you may well pay less. Orders over £200 for books and resources receive an automatic 10% discount.

As well as ordering books on-line, you can book places at our events, and even make a donation. If you've never ordered on-line before, give it a go. It's totally secure and very straightforward. Incidentally, thank you for buying your FIC books direct from us - it's the source of the majority of our funding and we very much appreciate it.



Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course Online

Anyone wanting to know about the Discipleship Course will find full details on-line including the ability to download a sample session from the Leader's Guide together with the presentation slides, see a short clip from the DVD series and even order a sample DVD (sent by post). They'll also find helpful comments from existing users.

Users of the Discipleship Course can register free of charge to access a special section of the site. This includes hints and tips from other users, the ability to register comments, and some useful downloads including a customisable timetable for the Away Day, a template for the official invitations and logos to use in publicity.

What You'll Find Online

- A step-by-step introduction for leaders
- Advice for individuals
- Advice on helping the deeply wounded
- Books and resources orderable securely on-line with discounts for larger orders
- See our schedule of events and book securely on-line
- Section for members of the Freedom Fellowship with downloadable documents and resources and members' forum
- Full details of the FIC Discipleship Course including downloadable samples
- Section for users of the FIC Discipleship Course with hints and tips from other users and helpful downloads
- Advice on using the FIC approach with young people
- Frequently asked questions
- Full search facility
- Free reminder service
- News widget and RSS news feed to display our news automatically on your desktop or on your website
- Links to other FIC sites

News On Your Desktop



"Widgets" are little applications that allow you easy access to information very quickly directly on your desktop.

The FIC news widget allows you to display our up-to-date news and events listings on your desktop completely automatically. As soon as our news changes, you'll see it on your desktop so you can stay bang up to date.



More info and free download at www.ficm.org.uk/news/widgets.html

Our News On Your Site

Using RSS technology, you can now add our news headlines to your own website. If a new headline is available you will see it instantly on your website.



Further info at: www.ficm.org.uk/news/rss.html

Reminder Service

Use our free reminder service so that you never forget those approaching events, conferences and other important dates such as birthdays and anniversaries. Simply add a date and a reminder message and we will e-mail you in advance of the special date.



In the first nine months after its launch, a staggering 15,000 people used the Freedom In Christ Discipleship Course and it continues to grow.

It has received acclaim from booksellers (having been nominated for reference book of the year) and church leaders have welcomed it warmly.

Here is a sample of comments from leaders who have run the course:

"The Discipleship Course has radically changed the dynamics of our church. Though the message has been preached for years it seems that this course has lifted the veil and truths have clicked into place, as people have discovered who they really are in Christ. People's lives have changed as they have progressed through the course before doing the Steps. The Steps then have brought further release and healing into their lives. In some people, lives have been transformed beyond words!"

"Many thanks for the best discipling material I have seen. Fills a great void in our church, which often appears defeated in these dark days. Overall experience is that the course

is excellent. Main reason for this is that it disciples in the basics - things many, many Christians were never taught adequately after conversion."

"We had very positive feedback and I quote some comments: 'It would have taken us years to get hold of these truths by simply attending Sunday meetings'; 'I had never realized that I needed to forgive so many people'; 'God has delivered me from fear'; and 'I just feel so different'."

"The course in my view is a wonderful tool for church. I think that eventually all members will want to attend the course simply because of the powerful testimonies from those who have attended and been set free."

"Overall experience was very positive. A great number of people have testified to the significance of the course in their Christian lives. Some lives were touched very deeply."

"The course was very well received and we are encouraged at the

difference it has made to the people who attended."

"A great and challenging course, well received, well presented and well written."

"Overall the course is excellent!!! A lady whose husband left her for another woman after 44 years was able to forgive."

Plans are afoot for further resources, including a youth version of the course, and videos of testimonies.



Partner Church Focus – Christ Church, Bayston Hill



Bayston Hill is a village on the outskirts of Shrewsbury in Shropshire. Christ Church started using the FIC approach in 2001 after some members attended a conference with Neil Anderson as speaker. Since then, many members have been through a personal Steps To Freedom appointment and they now have a team of 17 encouragers.

When Ralph Goldenberg, their current vicar, arrived in November 2001 he was quick

to support what was going on. He says, "I could see how lives were changing as people were encountering the truth of God's word and embracing it. Finding freedom is an important element in growing disciples of Jesus, and the FIC approach was just what I was looking for to encourage the congregation to grow towards maturity." He and his wife Helen (the couple on the right in the picture) now support Ian and Sue Lindsay (pictured left) who co-ordinate the freedom ministry. Sue says, "When I first attended an FIC conference, I sensed God's word to me was that as I learned how to do this, I would be healed along the way. This has proved true, and I never cease to be amazed at the gracious, gentle hand of God moving in and through this ministry. It is a privilege to be part of it."



They are keen to help other leaders in their part of the world get up and running and have already helped other churches get hold of the principles by advising them and giving them the opportunity to sit in on freedom appointments. They have taken over 20 people from other churches through the Steps to Freedom in Christ.

Ralph says, "Our vision in Christ Church is to grow God's kingdom in Bayston Hill and beyond. Encouraging and resourcing other leaders and their churches to use the FIC approach fits in with our vision to give away all that God has blessed us with."

Does your church have a vision for helping other churches get to grips with the FIC approach? If so, we'd love to talk to you about the possibility of becoming a partner church.

