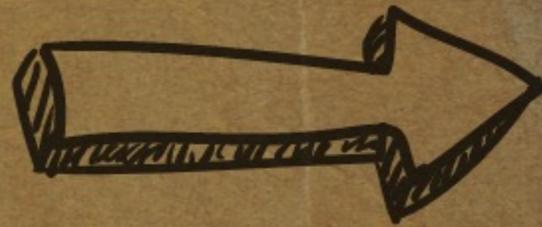


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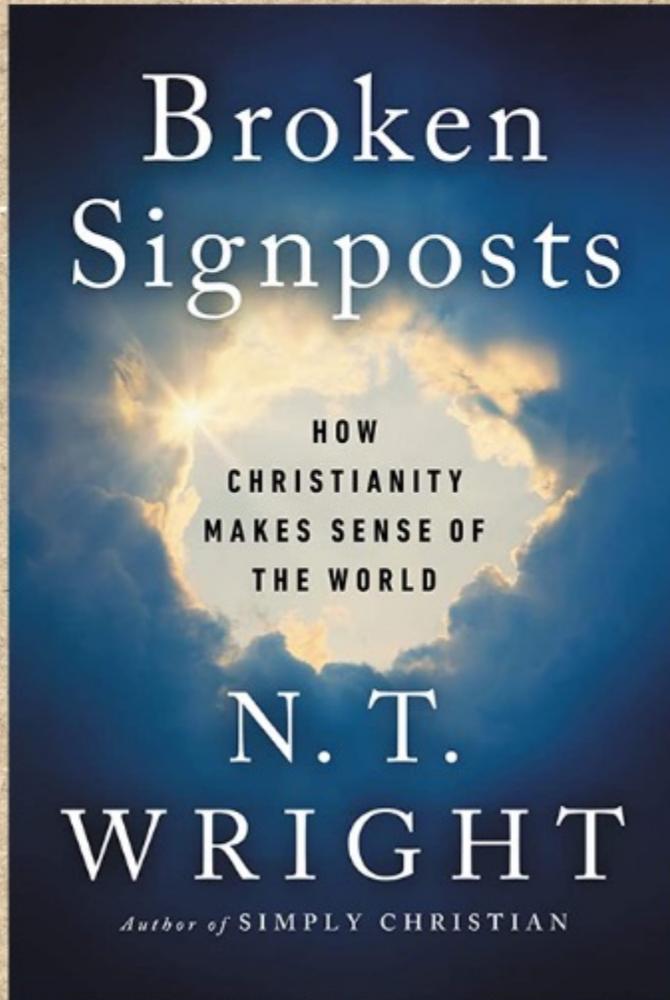
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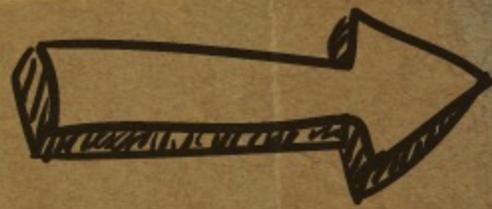
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**The Freedom
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LENT 5 OF 7

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Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be
burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Paul, Galatians 5:1 NIV

Galatians 4:8-9 NIV

Formerly when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

[Verse 1]

After years of expensive education
A car full of books and anticipation
I'm an expert on Shakespeare,
and that's a hell of a lot
But the world don't need scholars
as much as I thought

[Verse 2]

Maybe I'll go traveling for a year
Finding myself, or start a career
I could work with the poor, though I'm hungry for fame
We all seem so different, but we're just the same



[Verse 3]

Maybe I'll go to the gym, so I don't get fat
Aren't things more easy with a tight six-pack?
Who knows the answers, who do you trust?
I can't even separate love from lust

[Verse 4]

Maybe I'll move back home and pay off my loans
Working nine to five answering phones
Don't make me live for my Friday nights
Drinking eight pints and getting in fights

I don't want to get up, just let me lie in
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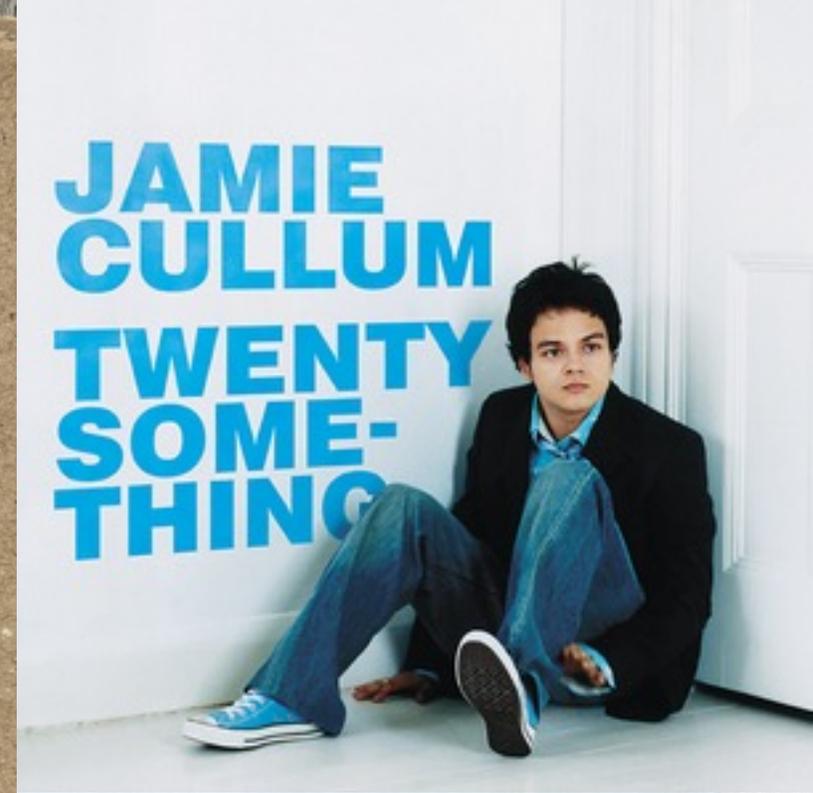


[Verse 5]

Maybe I'll just fall in love
That could solve it all
Philosophers say that that's enough;
There surely must be more

[Verse 6]

Love ain't the answer, nor is work
The truth eludes me, so much it hurts
But I'm still having fun, and I guess that's the key;
I'm a twentysomething and I'll keep bein' me



Galatians 5:1-4 NIV

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John 8:31-36 NIV

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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Freedom *from*

Freedom *for*

guilt

condemnation

sin

obligation

fear

Freedom *from*

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Freedom *for*

LOVE

Freedom <i>from</i>	Freedom <i>for</i>
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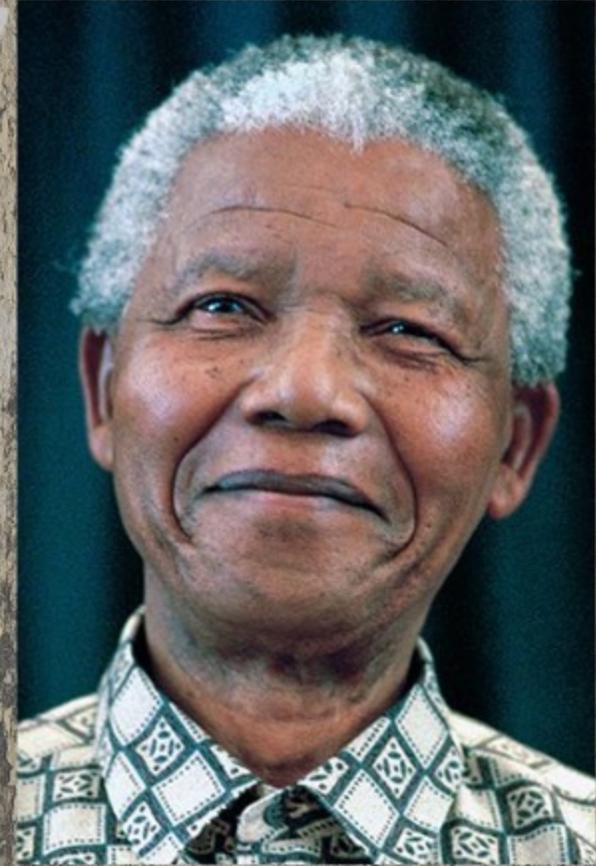
¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Galatians 5:13-14 NIV

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"...to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Nelson Mandela



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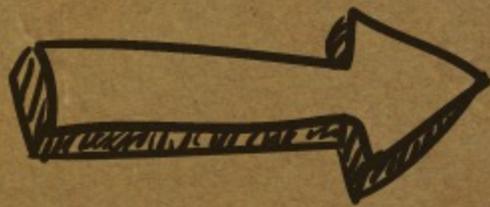
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