



Freedom 5:one Ministries

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Financial Conversations

Brook and Keri recently moved to Arkansas for a fresh start. About a year ago one of their small group leaders reached out to us about helping them get organized around their finances. Here is their story upon graduation from Freedom 5:one after a year of coaching.

Keri said, "We knew we had a huge opportunity before we moved to Arkansas. We had all the plans and I feel like God has really provided for us this last year. Spiritually, emotionally, financially, everything we prayed for before we came here."

Brook said, "We had encouragement from our small group leader to get financial coaching. I think it was one of those things we knew we needed but just weren't willing to make that step, or maybe we didn't know how to make that step. Not being where we wanted to be with our money and not growing up in a family that taught us how to do finances, it was new for us. We knew something had to change."

What has been your biggest takeaways?

Keri said, "I feel like I have the power now to control my finances. Before I could keep track with my binders and my notepads, now I feel like I have the ability to understand and control where my money is going."

Brook said, "Control is a good word. Once you get a system it empowers you to make smarter decisions. I don't have to choose the status quo for what society says to do."

What do you think has been the hardest thing for you guys to accomplish when it comes to financial management?

(In unison) "Communication! Before this we didn't even have those financial conversations."

"Coaching has been a game changer for us because before this we didn't even have those financial conversations"



Keri and Brook

A Great Journey Ahead

Chris Haas, Executive Director

I was inspired recently to hear a story about Martin Luther King Jr before he started his peaceful march for equal treatment of African Americans. He was understandably fearful for the safety of his wife, children, and himself as he had been receiving death threats. He told the Lord that he wasn't sure he was up for the task. It was a story reminiscent of so many others in the Bible, like the conversation Moses had with the Lord before he was called to confront the mistreatment of the Hebrew people.



Sometimes in life we are called by the Lord on a journey that will require more from us than we are able to give. We need the voice of our Lord to speak to us about His direction and purpose for our lives. When He speaks, we can move forward with courage and faith.

I am reminded that when Freedom 5:one started over 12 years ago there was no guarantee of success. Our family of six barely had savings to carry us one month into the future with a young ministry. We had a God-inspired vision of a ministry He would use to transform the financial and spiritual health of families and grow generosity for the Kingdom of God. Now years later, we have seen thousands of families impacted for Christ. In the Lord of the Rings trilogy, Frodo is on a great journey, but he wasn't alone. He was surrounded by faithful friends who helped and encouraged him not to give up. I am so thankful for all of you who surround our Freedom 5:one team with your friendship, encouragement, finances, and your prayers.

We are starting a new journey this year as we seek to grow the ministry in the business and nonprofit community, in new churches and mission agencies, with Hispanic families, and in personal evangelism and discipleship. We need new levels of funding we've never had before and we are praying for God to add new people to our team. Will we be successful? We can't know, but we believe we are moving forward with God's vision and your support.

We Care Concert

April 15, 2023



Southern Gospel and Freedom 5:one

For the second year, Freedom 5:one has been included in the **We Care Concert**. This is a benefit concert featuring local southern gospel groups like the **Butler Creek Boys** and **Ozark Revival Quartet**. The headliner group is **Jeff and Sheri Easter**. Ticket are available now (QR above) and **ALL TICKET SALES ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE NONPROFITS**. Including Freedom 5:one. The concert last year was really good. Our staff team will be in attendance again this year and we hope to see you there!



5Keys Update

TR Laughlin, Community Director

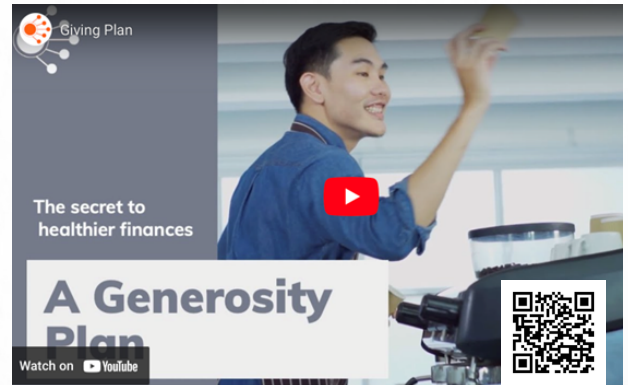
Lights, Camera, Content

Whether we are coaching or doing group education, there are always additional topics and information that we want to communicate. Lately we have been experimenting with creating video content. The video are short and impactful and meant to help people make strategic movement in one of the 5-key areas of finance.

Check out these 2022 stats from LendingTree.com. 35% of Americans took on holiday debt this last season. 63% of those who took on holiday debt didn't plan to do so. The most likely demographics to have taken on holiday debt are parents with kids younger than 18 (48%), millennials ages 26 to 41 (43%).

We created a video resource to walk people through a simple but effective way to become prepared for the next Holiday season (mid Nov. - Jan 1st). We call it the Holiday Spending Plan. It combines the set-back method of savings (think old-fashioned Christmas Club) with a deep look into the real numbers of 2022.

Our other video is on generosity. In our giving plan video, we share how to start if you have never had a plan. This pairs very well with the "When You Give" Bible study that we created. When we have clients that say "I didn't learn many of these things from my parents and really never paid attention to it" this emboldens our mission to help change the financial destiny of families in whatever way we can. Make sure to follow us on Facebook as we continue to share new content. Freedom5one and 5keysFinancial.



International Update

Tim Howington, International Director

Financial Wellness for Missionaries

Did you know that 80-90 percent of missionaries raise personal support? One of the key stressors for our missionaries is personal finances. Not only in the support raising part but also in the management of those resources. What if there was a financial wellness program for Great Commission workers? There is: **Freedom 5:one**

Ministries. We are uniquely positioned to help because of our experience in the ministry world and our familiarity with support raising. For the last 12 years we have been coming alongside global workers in 26+ different nations to help with personal financial wellness. We believe that this could be a key to keeping families on the field longer and expanding the Kingdom. We are beginning to focus more energy in this key area. For more information contact me at tim.howington@freedom5one.com





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