

Chapter 8:7-13



What does it cost *you* to
live like Jesus is Lord?

⁷ But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸ But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

⁹ Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹² When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

social media algorithms streaming
spending drinking notifications

**EVERY GENERATION HAS A LIST.
BUT THE STRUGGLE IS THE SAME.**

drinking notifications feeds
feeds pressure isolation

1 CORINTHIANS 8:7-13

PROGRAM, POWER, PRICE

Handling Christian Freedom

A silhouette of a person standing in a spotlight on a dark background. The person is centered, and the spotlight creates a bright, circular glow around them. The text is overlaid on the image, with the word 'value' in a larger, yellow font.

**We treat others not by our
freedom, but by their value.**

1.

PROGRAM

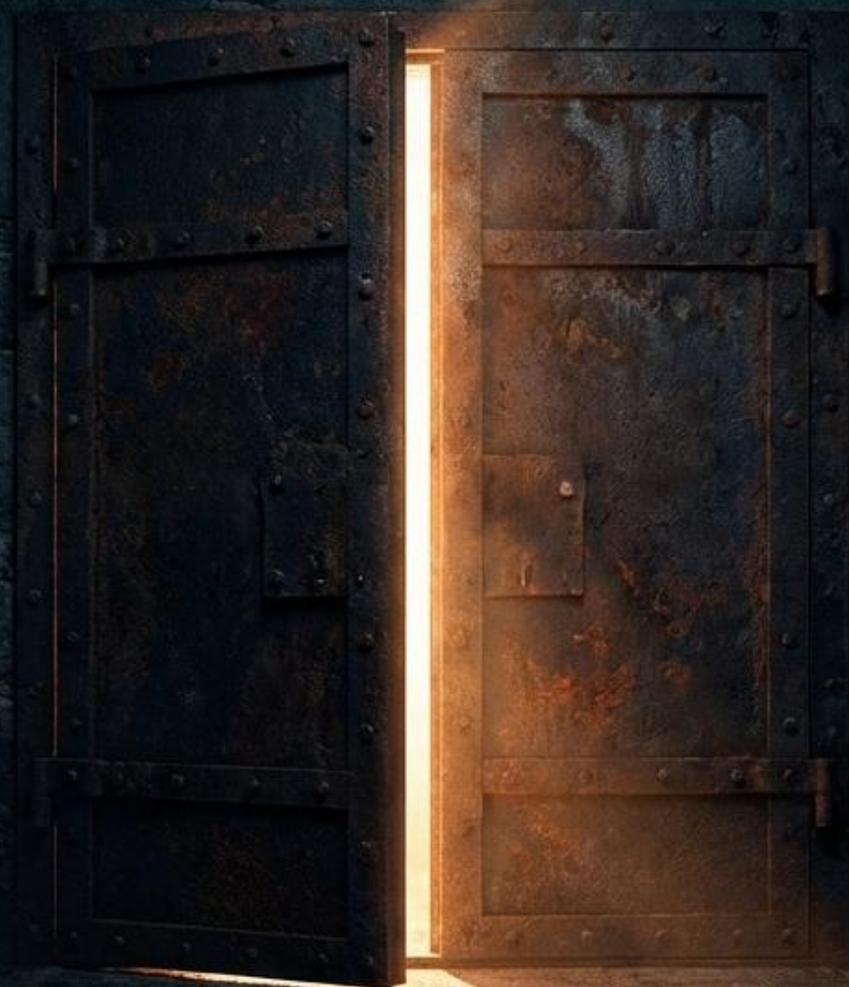
The Healing Conscience

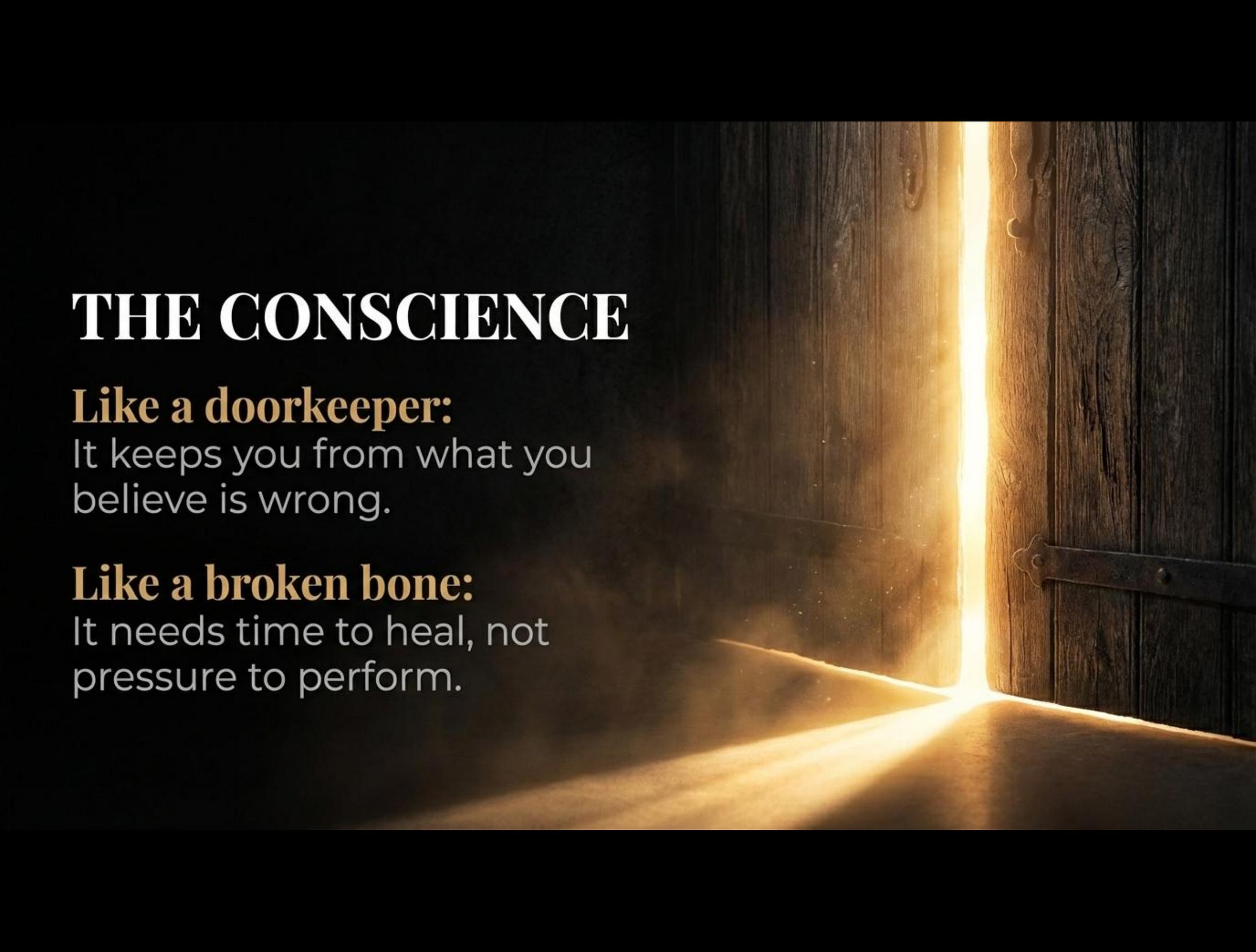


Their **body remembers what their soul is learning to leave behind.**

**Don't force
someone
through
a door**

**their conscience
hasn't opened yet.**





THE CONSCIENCE

Like a doorkeeper:

It keeps you from what you believe is wrong.

Like a broken bone:

It needs time to heal, not pressure to perform.

2.

POWER

The Weight of Freedom



A dark, moody photograph of a person's foot resting on a wooden floor. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the wood and the silhouette of the foot against the dark background.

YOUR FREEDOM CARRIES WEIGHT.

What is **familiar** to you in the
dark...

Can be **dangerous** to someone
finding their footing.

Are you making it **easier** or
harder to follow Jesus?



Galatians 5:13

You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

3.

PRICE

The Value of a Brother



**When you
carelessly
wound
them, you
strike Christ.**



**You can't have a low
view of this person
without having a low
view of Calvary.**



Matthew 25:40

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.

The Cross changes your standing.
Then, it changes your sight.





The question is:
What did this person cost?

THE IMMATURE

THE MATURE

Is it **permissible**?

Is it **helpful**?

Focused on **Knowledge**

Focused on **Love**

Worries about **Rights**

Worries about **Witness**

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3. SURRENDER

Lay down one right this week as an act of love.

A perspective view of a stone path made of large, rectangular, weathered stones. The path leads into a dark, narrow tunnel or passage. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright light source from the end of the tunnel illuminating the path and creating strong shadows. The walls of the tunnel are made of rough, textured stone.

**Love lays down what it has the right to keep—
because it sees what Christ paid.**