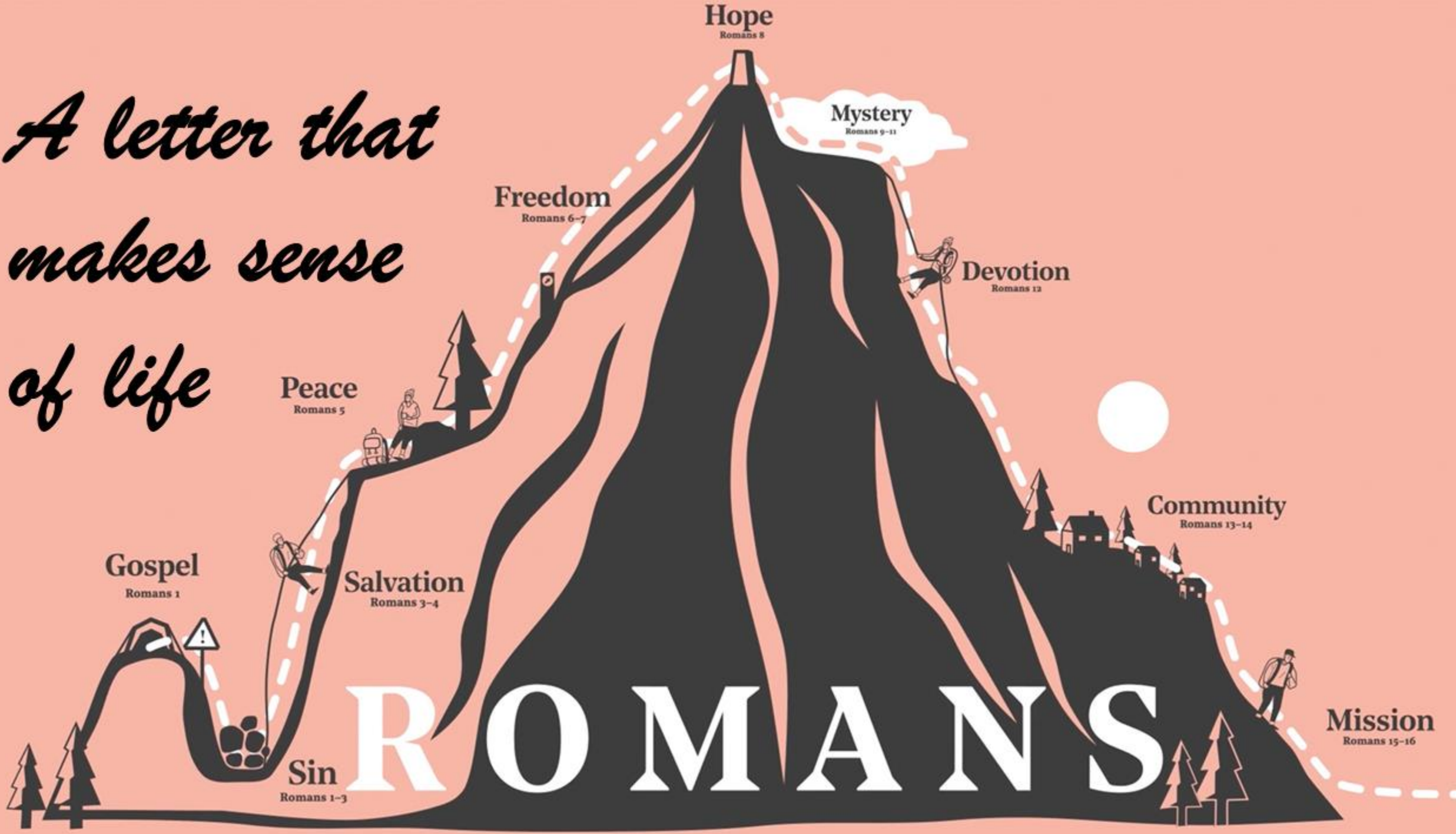
A letter that makes sense of life



Romans - Pt5

“The ridge of freedom”

Chapters
6-7:25





Images of freedom

- Chat GPT



Romans 6:1-4 | NIV

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Positional truth

Our sins are forgiven! We are free!

Practical struggle – Rom 7:19 | NIV

“I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”

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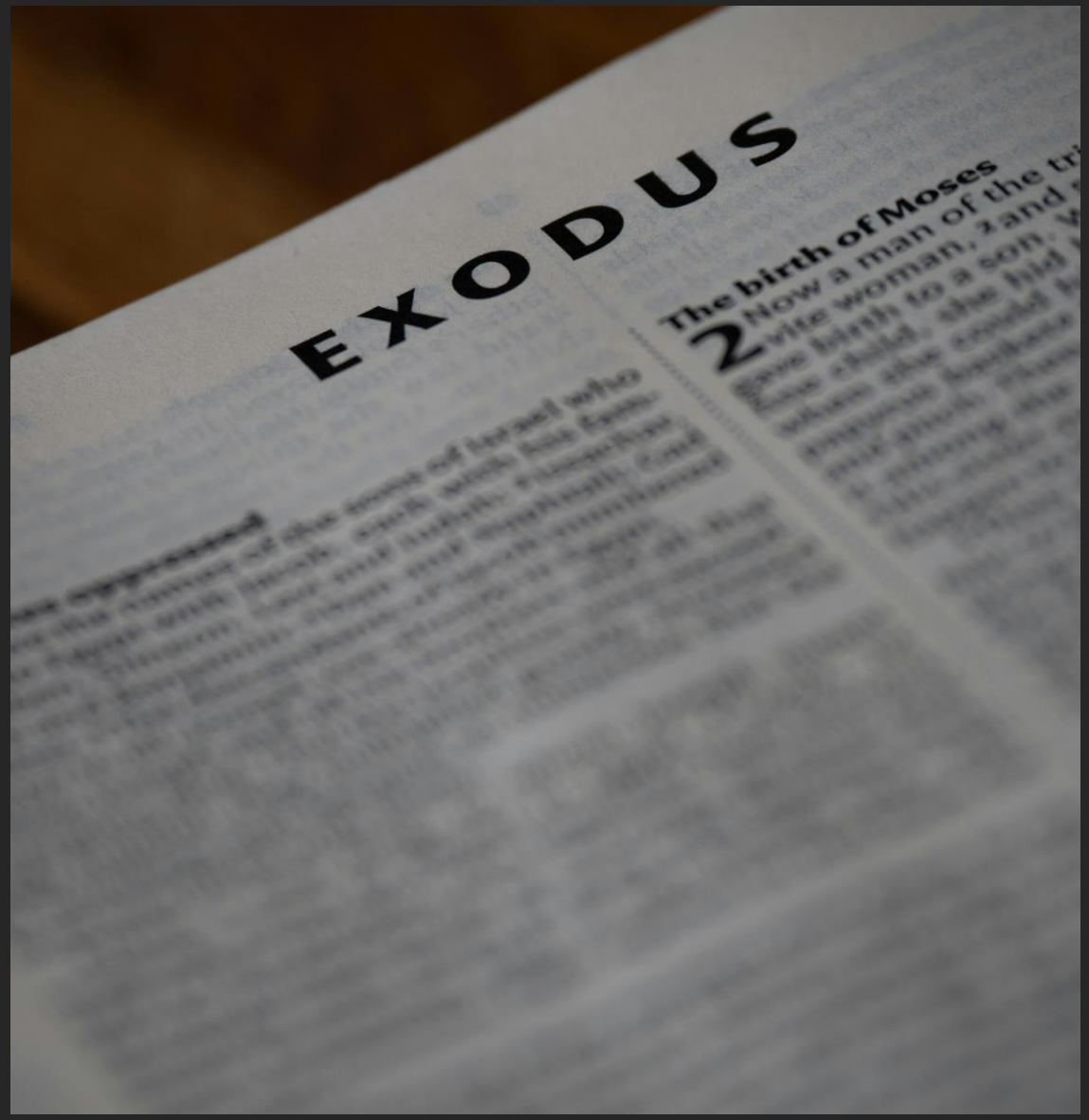
“I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.”

Rom 6:22-23 | MSG – We have…

“A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way!”

Both **true freedom** and **increasing felt freedom** are found in and through Christ.




EXODUS
The birth of Moses

Def. Limiting belief –

“A limiting belief is a conclusion we have drawn about ourselves, our situation, our churches, about what’s possible, that constrains what you do – even when it’s no longer true or never was true at all!”

The belief becomes the filter that determines what you do, and whether you do OR don’t do it!

Num 13-14 - Moses sends 12 spies into the Promised Land.
Same land. Same giants. Different belief.

An entire generation missed what God had for them.
Not because the giants were too big, but because the wrong beliefs were.

Q. Is there a belief you carry about yourself that constrains you and you want God to set you free from?

2 foundations for a life of freedom

1. We have to **KNOW** the truth
   Rom 6:1-23

2. We have to **LIVE** the truth
   Rom 7:1-25

1. We have to KNOW the truth | Rom 6:1-23

“Ideas have consequences”
– Philosopher Richard Weaver

- What you do is a reflection of what you think and believe
- Knowing is connected to doing and acting

Who am I? What does the Bible say?

I am forgiven! I am free! I am free from guilt!
I am free from shame! I am free from condemnation!
I am made right with God! I am justified in His sight!
The price has been paid for me! It is finished! I am legally free!
I am at peace with God!
I have eternal life! I will be with Jesus in heaven!

John 8:32

“you will **know the truth** and the truth will set you **free**.”

Rom 12:2 | NIV

"Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- "Transformed" - Greek – "metamorphoo" = "metamorphosis."
- It means a structural change, not a surface one
- The "renewing" of our mind isn't positive thinking; it's a knock down / rebuild / overhaul – structural change
- God can do a structural transformation of the mind
- The Bible teaches belief work matters

2. We have to LIVE the truth | Rom 7:1-25

We need to learn not just to “think free” but how to “live free”

Romans 7:12-13 | NIV

“Do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness”.

A written Prayer...

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the wonderful and powerful truth of your gospel.

Thank you that freedom from sinful patterns of behaviour is possible and that we no longer have to live under the weight of our sin. Where we need to find freedom, please set us free.

Holy Spirit, please come and live in our hearts and empower us to live free, for your glory. May your truth truly set us free! Amen.