

# Cyrus the Shepherd

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. Cyrus was a messenger of peace and freedom. How are you a messenger of peace and freedom?
2. Passages from Isaiah and Daniel point forward to God as the one who calls the liberator and places the intentions in his heart. What does this teach you about God?
3. The author brings to light that God works through angels. Have you experienced God working in your life through angels?
4. Just as the Jews were unable to obtain their freedom by their own might, we are also unable to free ourselves from the captivity of death and sin by our own might too. Just as Cyrus saved the Jews from captivity and slavery; similarly Jesus saves us from the captivity and slavery of sin. How does Jesus save you?
5. This freedom we have in Jesus Christ is for a purpose. What do you use your freedom for?
6. The author shares that the best use of this freedom we have is to work to build God's house, to serve God and each other with love, just like the people of Israel in Ezra and Nehemiah's time. How are you building God's house? Does your spiritual community provide a space for service to others?
7. How does your own comfort get in the way of being devoted to the purpose God has for us?