June 28, 2020 <u>"Trapped!"</u> (Romans 6:12-23)

Have you ever been ______ in a situation where there ______ to be no way out?

Some stories of people being trapped are _____, some are amusing, some are _____, and some are heartbreaking.

There are all kinds of _____ people are _____.

There are people who will tell you about being trapped in their _____.

Or you may know someone who will tell you they spent years trapped in an abusive ______.

_____ can be just as abusive as _____ can be.

Perhaps the saddest trap people fall into is ______ dependency – drugs and alcohol, opioids and heroin.

Nationwide almost ______ Americans died from overdoses related to prescription opioids between 1999 and 2017.

One scary factor in the drug epidemic is that so many of its victims are

So, rich, _____ - old, _____ - it doesn't matter.

In our lesson for today, St. Paul is dealing with the experience of feeling ______.

That was the experience of being _____. Both analogies are similar.

Some of the early Christians were ______ themselves so they could relate to Paul's words.

You and I have difficulty thinking of ourselves as "

Sin is enslaving and sin is always ______ to life!

Sin is always _____-life.

We sometimes forget that Paul knew what it was like to be trapped, enslaved. St. Paul was enslaved by the _____.

Paul wants us to know that the way out of being trapped or enslaved, or escape bad religion, is to become ______ to God!

The closer we are ______ to God, the more ______ and joy we can experience as we make our way through life!

When we are tethered to God it makes it easier to ______ those temptations that appeal to our baser instincts.

Tether yourself to God so _____ that you are not _____ by those drives that would pull you down!

Tether yourself to God and know a freedom you've never known before!

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