Cave Dwellers

I once heard a story about some prisoners who were chained in a cave. They were bound by their captors with a chain that spanned only a few feet. The only evidence of light they ever saw were shadows thrown on the wall by the fires their captors used to keep warm. These prisoners had no idea what was beyond those cave walls. At first, they fought against those chains, but time passed and eventually gave up trying.

Some of you are chained to something. An addiction, a behavior, a bad habit, perhaps it's something you watch on T.V.? Whatever it is, you know it's there and you need to deal with it. There are certain areas of your life where you are bound by a captor. At first, you fought it, but time has passed and you've stopped trying. You've caved in. It's easier to do nothing then to fight back.

You've been making all kinds of excuses instead of dealing with the issue. Your excuses of not dealing with it has caused you to be bound and your only exposure to the light is shadows flickering in the distance.

How can you be free? Get rid of the captors! And the captors are your excuses. Each time you give an excuse you are allowing darkness to rule in that area. And what do light and darkness have in common, NOTHING.

What behaviors are you making excuses for? What are you not doing that you should be doing? What are you making make excuses for? How many more times will you make up excuses to avoid dealing with something?

I pray the light shines on all your areas of excuses.

Lord, I ask You to forgive me for all the excuses I've made to avoid doing what You've asked me to do. Give me strength to obey You. Remember your faithful servant who desires to do Your will. I love to please You and You alone. I don't want to make excuses anymore. I want to step into all You've called me to be. I want to step into all You've called me to do. I am so thankful You are always faithful, slow to anger and rich in love towards all You made. Today is a new day with no excuses.

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