

**Goodness of God
“The Key to
Freedom”**

NorthRidge Church

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1. How Do We Get in Bondage?

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Our Sinfulness leads to _____ and _____ hearts ... Romans 2:5

2. How Do We Get out of Bondage?

_____ to the _____ of God

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- A. His Goodness is _____
- B. His _____ is restrained
- C. His Patience has _____

APPLICATION

Stop "_____ and start _____" *Pastor David*

If we fail to trust in His goodness, we will remain in bondage to our trying.

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Lord, we ask You to work in our hearts and minds to help us live out these verses in our lives!

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SURRENDER to the **GOODNESS** of God

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- A. His Goodness is **PLENTIFUL**
- B. His **WRATH** is restrained
- C. His Patience has **PURPOSE**

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Stop "**TRYING**" and start **TRUSTING**" Pastor David

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