



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1,6-8; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Read and Listen to [“Freedom to Stand Right”](#)

[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)

Class Starter Discussion Questions

1. In the story, Jake chooses to repair the fence and take responsibility, even though the damage was not caused by his men.

How does this reflect the teaching in 1 Peter 2:15 about “doing good” to silence false accusations? Why is action sometimes more powerful than argument?

2. The Bible lesson teaches that Christians should not use their freedom as a cover for wrongdoing.

How could Jake have used his freedom differently in this situation? What does his choice show about the right use of freedom?

3. Hank initially struggles with the idea of taking responsibility for something they did not do.

Why is it difficult to respond with goodness when we feel wronged? How does Hank’s thinking begin to change, and what helps him see things differently?

4. Jake says, “A man don’t always get to choose what lands in his path. But he does get to choose how he walks through it.”

How does this statement reflect the example of Jesus described in the Bible lesson? What are some real-life situations where this truth applies today?

5. At the end of the story, Hank begins to understand that true freedom is choosing what is right, not just doing what you want.

According to 1 Peter 2:16, what does it mean to live as “servants of God”? How can this kind of freedom shape the way we respond to conflict, criticism, or unfair situations?