Keys to Success in Leading Others to Freedom

1. **Remember, it is Jesus who sets us free, the Holy Spirit who does the work & the love of the Father that comes rushing in.** It's not us. We are there to help lead and guide them into experiencing whatever it is that they are ready to receive.

2. **Keep your faith high, but try not to have unrealistic expectations.** Some of this has been with them for decades. You may just be helping them with a next step on their journey to become more free and that's okay.

3. **Remember the goal:** To create space for God to speak, touch, heal…a time for them to worship and focus on/receive the freedom that is available in Christ. We are simply a conduit and are in need of being open and receiving God's love, so we can pour that out to those we lead.

4. **Look for who has faith in the group and use it to the build the faith of the group.** As those who have faith are able to walk through freedom, it will not only build their faith, but the faith of those around them to believe that God can do the same in their own life. **You can identify those who have faith by:**
    - ***Vulnerability*** - They are open to sharing their story and to inviting the Holy Spirit into their heart.
    - ***Participation*** - They are engaged during the weekly group time by actively listening, making eye contact, and engaging in the discussion. You can tell someone is disengaged by the crossing of arms, slouching, and avoidance of eye contact.
    - ***Application*** - They are actively applying the principles of Freedom by journaling, doing their homework, and allowing the Lord to give them a fresh testimony.
    - ***Expectation*** - They have the faith to believe that God can free them from the bondage they have been made aware of and exhibit the trust to believe He will free them.
    - ***Holy Spirit's Prompting*** - Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to give you the spiritual eyes to see who is ready to walk through deliverance or share a deeper part of their story.

5. **Know the WIN.** Ultimately, the win is that they become more like Jesus because of time spent in His presence! This is an ongoing journey of becoming like Christ. The win is not that it's "all fixed" or "all free," but that they leave this time of being in God's presence more like Jesus than when they came in.
    - Compared to what we or others have received, it may feel like something small, but for them, it may be huge! Celebrate that.