

Phil Christopher: A Declaration of Interdependence

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Phil Christopher, the senior pastor of [First Baptist Church](#) in Abilene, Texas, asks his hearers if they ever feel like new sailors who have lost their bearings. The circumstances of freedom may result in a person going through life frantically, like a sailor without bearings. To get ones bearings is to understand “freedom is found from the inside out.”

Christopher turns to the Sermon on the Mount to find bearings—a North Star—for today. Within Jesus’ teaching on anger, he finds boundaries for our personal freedoms. These boundaries point to interdependence more than independence.

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