

## Upcoming Lenten Preaching Series by Fr. Roberto Corral, O.P.

I am going to be offering a preaching series entitled “Unbound – Freedom In Christ” during the first five weekends of Lent. It is based on a ministry headed by a Catholic couple named Neal and Janet Lozano for over thirty years, and its purpose is to help us Christians attain the freedom God gives us in Jesus; freedom from the lies, darkness and snares the devil wishes to use to keep us bound by sin, guilt, shame, past abuse or hurts caused by others, addictions, anger, bitterness, lack of forgiveness, etc. Their ministry has been very successful in the United States as well as overseas because all of us, including myself, can struggle and be bound by one or more of these difficulties. This is what traditional Catholic theology calls spiritual bondage. One of the goals of our life of faith, and the focus of Unbound is to free us from this spiritual bondage.

As Neal Lozano says in one of his books: “Picture a locked door. Opening that door represents liberation from spiritual bondage. This door has five locks, each requiring a key. As a believer in Christ, you have all the keys you need to be free from the influence of evil spirits. If one key has not been used the bolt remains in place and the door will not move. It may be nice knowing that you have used four keys, but it will not get you through the door to liberation” (Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance, p. 56, Chosen Books, Grand Rapids, MI).

The Unbound ministry, and my preaching series, will focus on what the Lozanos call the Five Keys re-ferred to in the quote above:

1. Repentance and Faith – acknowledging our sinfulness and our need for Jesus’ forgiveness and help;
2. Forgiveness of ourselves and others;
3. Renuncia□on of any evil influence in our lives;
4. Authority—taking the Authority we have in Jesus to overcome evil and break its power in our lives;
5. The Father’s Blessing — receiving the love and affirma□on God wants to give each one of us as his be loved children;

A number of parishioners from St. Dominic’s have been receiving training in this ministry since October, and it is my hope and intention that we can offer all those who wish an opportunity to experience this freedom through a confidential conversation and time of prayer. You will be hearing more about that in coming weeks. Here is just one of many, many testimonies of those who have experienced Unbound ministry: “I am leaving with an absolutely new level of freedom. I had something in my heart for almost thirty years. It made me fearful, uncertain, and jealous. Now I am free.”

For more information on Unbound Ministry, you may go to the Lozanos’ website:

[https:// www.heartofthefather.com/](https://www.heartofthefather.com/).