

# THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

## John 8:31-59

John 8:31-32, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

### 3 steps to freedom: (A powerful change reaction)

Abide in His Word     You will know the Truth     The Truth will set you free.

### What's the name for a person involved in this powerful change? A disciple of Jesus

John 8:33-34, "They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

## Breaking through the Barriers to Freedom

### I. Admit that you are a prisoner.

The first step toward true spiritual freedom is to recognize our slavery and to know that we have no power to liberate ourselves.

Jesus makes it clear: we're slaves of sin.

John 8:35-37, "And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you."

### 2 questions to ask each day to experience freedom:

#### 1. Who am I... A son or a slave?

Jesus explained that the difference between spiritual freedom and bondage is a matter of whether one is a son or servant.

#### 2. Am I leaving room in my life for His Word?

Our lives can become so filled up with so many other things that there is no space left for Jesus' word.

John 8:38-43, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word."

### II. Admit that what you're doing isn't working!!

**Their Hope:** We're descendants of Abraham. Abraham is our father.  
We believe in one God. God is our Father.

**Jesus answer:** Look at the results! If the way you're doing things is so right, why is everything coming out so wrong?

## **If the key didn't unlock the prison door the first time...**

### ***why do we keep trying the same key over and over again?***

John 8:45-47, "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

## **How do I find the right key?**

Ask yourself: Who is my Father? God or Satan? Listen for God's voice.

*You can't hear rightly until you change who you belong to.*

John 8:48-53, "Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?"

## **III. Stop resisting and start trusting.**

They show us 3 typical ways of resisting Jesus' challenge:

- *Slander*
- *Argument*
- *Sarcasm*

This is the response of those who have been asked to do something by someone whom they believe to have no rights over them.

John 8:54-58, "Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

When Jesus says, "Yet ye have not known him, but I know him", He uses two different Greek words for know. The first word is the word for knowing intellectually, the second the word for knowing personally. He is actually saying to them "You have not learned to recognize God, but I have become acquainted with God."

Exodus 3:14, "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you."

## **Who do you believe (act like) Jesus is?**

Is He the great "I Am" in your life? He is God.

He has the right to do or ask anything he wants. He has the power to accomplish anything he desires.

John 8:59, "Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

## **We'll always end up in one of two ways:**

Throwing stones at Jesus or throwing ourselves at his feet

Selfishness or Service

Pride or Humility