

John 8:31-59

Jesus' Claim:

"If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

- Continue (Remain, abide. See John 15:1-8)
- Truth
- Freedom

What you believe is true will determine how you live. It will either lead to life or to destruction.

Jesus' Truth sets you free to see yourself rightly (John 8:33-38):

Jesus' Truth sets you free from relying on your resumé (John 8:37-41):

Jesus' Truth sets you free from trusting in religion (John 8:41b-43):

Jesus' Truth sets you free from deceit (John 8:44-47; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6):

Jesus' Truth sets you free from death (John 8:48-59; 1 Corinthians 15:50-56):

Other helpful verses: Genesis 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:10-20

Helpful resources:

- Winning the War in Your Mind (Craig Groeschel)
- Renovation of the Heart (Dallas Willard)
- Live No Lies (John Mark Comer)

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Pray:

Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

How have you been growing in Jesus lately through Bible reading/reflection, prayer, relationships, etc.?

Looking Up: Read John 8:31-50

What about this passage/sermon did you find helpful, challenging, or inspiring?

Read John 15:4-5 and discuss the connection with John 8:31-32. What are practical ways that you have found helpful to keep you remaining in Jesus throughout your days (i.e. daily reading plans, sticky notes, reminders on your phone, music, etc.)?

Where do you find yourself being more influenced by culture's view of truth than Jesus'?

How are you experiencing Jesus' Truth leading you to freedom?

Which of the points about Jesus' freedom resonates with you most currently? Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-56; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; and Ephesians 6:10-20. Discuss how these verses relate to what Jesus says in this conversation, particularly in John 8:44-47, and how you can apply them to your life.

As we think about our mission of making God's love known, how does this passage equip you to live out the Truths of Jesus where you live, work, learn, and play?

Pray:

Pray for one another based on your discussion. Pray for those in your life who are near to you relationally but far from Jesus.

Looking Forward:

What step of action is the Lord calling you to take? How can we support you

and pray for you?