Summer Series: The gospel of John, Life in His Name

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*Jesus, the Master Who Sets Free*

John 8:31-38

**The Truth Will Set You Free**

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**34**Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+8&version=ESV#fen-ESV-26404b)] to sin. **35**The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. **36**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. **37**I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. **38**I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

**Intro**

PP-“What is required for true, lasting discipleship is not merely immediate assent,
but continued adherence to Jesus’ word.”
-- Andreas Kostenberger

“People hate liars, but they hate the truth also.” -Tony Dorsey

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**Strong Disciples Vs. Weak Disciples 2 Cor 13:5**

*2 Corinthians 13:5*

*5Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!*

The only way a person can abide in anything is if they believe in and receive or accept it to be true. A true disciple is a true follower and believer of Jesus Christ, and their sins are TRULY forgiven! To be a disciple means to sit under direct teaching and guidance, to humble yourself to be a student-in constantly wanting and having the desire to learn more from your teacher. In this case the TRUE disciple of Christ is one who is always abiding in his word (can’t get enough of it) Craving to hear from the Lord, desiring every book and scripture within the sixty-six books of the Bible. To abide means to “remain” or “stay” and entails far more than the idea of continued belief in the Savior.

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**With Christ, there is Freedom**

After believing him, they now find themselves questioning him? Theres a difference between asking questions and questioning a person. They’re questioning the answer, and the reason why they can’t except the answer, is because it’s the TRUTH. Later on in this passage you can see where they were trying to stone him!!

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**Sin**

What is SIN?? Practices??

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature.

Adam and Jesus (Last Adam or Second Adam) are the two covenantal heads for all of humanity. Through Adam is the promise of death because of sin. Through Jesus, because he took on human form, lived a sinless life, and died for the sins of all humanity-rose again. We now have access to eternal life.

**Slave**

Being a slave to sin versus being a servant of Christ. The slave has no assurances on what is going to happen next; they don’t know what the next move will be or where they will end up…anything is possible (sold to another home, killed by the master, etc) the slave has no claim to the house, but the son of the house (or in this case, the one who has become a son or daughter of Christ) will always have access to the house forever.

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 **36**So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**Son (Sonship) Capital versus lower case ‘son’**

Who is the SON? And how can he set me free? If SIN is so bad; how can I set free? Before Abraham….I AM

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**Fathers**

PP-Abraham Photo

Abraham (father of nations): Native of the land of Ur in Mesopotamia commanded by God to leave his country and his people at the age of 75, at the age of 100 years old he and his wife Sarah give birth to Isaac. NOTICE THEIR NAME CHANGE a righteous man, with wholehearted commitment to God; a man of peace (in settling a boundary dispute with his nephew Lot), compassionate (he argues and bargains with God to spare the people of [Sodom and Gomorrah](https://www.britannica.com/place/Sodom-and-Gomorrah)), hospitable (he welcomes three visiting angels); a quick-acting warrior (he rescues Lot and his family from a raiding party) He appears as both a man of great spiritual depth and strength and a person with common human weaknesses and needs. Father of the faithful

Being obedient to God meant more to him than how he felt!! We have to have the Attitude of Abraham.

PP- “To underestimate Satan is to suffer from the pride that goes before destruction. To overestimate him is to grant him more honor and respect than he deserves.” -RC Sproul

PP-Father of Lies Photo

Satan (father of lies): NOTICE HIS NAME CHANGE Lucifer, adversary, prince of darkness.

PP-God the Father photo

God the Father:

Father (capitalized) signifies God's role as the life-giver, the authority, and powerful protector.

omnipotent, meaning all-powerful; omniscient, meaning all-knowing; and omnipresent, meaning present everywhere at all times.

Good Father because he says yes, but HE also says NO……a Father is always wanting the best for their child, and in this case, God wants us to live!! And by living eternally with HIM, He sent his only begotten SON to sacrifice himself so that God could adopt us into his family. Don’t worry Abraham you won’t have to take on the burden that I’m ready to take on in sacrificing your only Son…leave that to me. And so that is why I call HIM good no matter what situation I’m in, because no matter what it is, I now have access to eternal LIFE!!

Close with Communion and Prayer.