

TRUE FREEDOM

John 8:31-59

Freedom starts in the truth of who I am. (v. 34)

- Slavery is our starting point, but Jesus wants us free.

When I believe a lie, even good news sounds like bad news. (vs. 45, 51-52)

Freedom is found in the truth of "I Am."

NEXT STEPS:

- How has God set me free? Worship Him for that!
- Where do I need to stop arguing with God?
- Where have I been missing the truth of Freedom - do I need to be set free by Jesus, or do I need to step into the freedom I've already been given?

LIVE IT OUT

Putting the Bible into Practice:

Read John 8:31-51. How does Jesus define the following concepts: abide in My Word; disciple; know the truth; freedom? How do you abide in Jesus' Word? How would Jesus describe your journey as a disciple? What is it like to be a slave to sin (Romans 7:13-25)?

Read John 8:42-47. How do Satan & demons entice people into bondage and then hold them there? Read John 8:36. As we believe in Jesus & abide in His Word we experience freedom, sometimes in giant leaps & often in baby steps over time. How has Jesus led you into freedom? Ask Jesus, "Where am I believing a lie or living in bondage? How are you leading me into freedom?"

Compare Matthew 21:28-32, 7:24-27 & James 1:22-25. How is Jesus calling you to trust Him as 'I AM' & be a 'doer' of His Word?

Challenge:

Memorize John 8:31-32. Don't tolerate bondage – seek & trust Jesus, the Great I AM!