



CONVERSATIONS
*what is Jesus
saying to you?*

JESUS, ON TRUTH & FREEDOM

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TEXT: JOHN 8:30-36 ESV

JESUS, ON TRUTH

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- John 8:31-32 ESV

I am...the Truth - John 14:6 ESV

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" - John 18:37-38 ESV

TRUTH INVOLVES...

1. THE INTEGRITY OF THE MIND.
2. THE PURSUIT OF THE WILL.
3. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE HEART.

JESUS, ON FREEDOM

They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

- John 8:33-34 ESV

THE MYTHS OF FREEDOM

- MYTH # 1: FREEDOM COMES BY POLITICAL SOLUTIONS.

- MYTH # 2: FREEDOM IS BEING YOUR OWN MASTER.
- MYTH # 3: FREEDOM IS DOING WHAT YOU MOST DESIRE.

HOW FREEDOM COMES

1. THROUGH THE SON

The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. - John 8:35-36 ESV

2. THROUGH DISCIPLINE

...Jesus said... "If you abide in my word... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." - John 8:31-32 ESV

3. THROUGH A NEW NATURE

...you are truly my disciples - John 8:31b ESV

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. - John 1:12-13 NLT

4. THROUGH TRUTH

and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:32 ESV

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him - John 14:23 ESV

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK...

- Memorize *John 8:32*.
- Experience freedom through a relationship with the Truth found in Jesus.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

WALK THE TALK

A Small Group Guide

Read John 8:30-36

1. Why do you think the idea of freedom resonates with just about anyone? How is their idea of what it means different than yours?
2. How does truth involve the mind, will, and heart of a person, and why is that significant (see section of outline above)? Why is truth so important to freedom?
3. What is the guarantee that Jesus makes to his disciples if they stick with his teaching?
4. How does Jesus move his listeners away from their false assumptions about slavery to the real cause of slavery? How does he undermine their base of confidence in never having been “enslaved to anyone”?
5. How can religious heritage be an advantage to us? How can it be a disadvantage? How is it a disadvantage in the passage we are studying?
6. What myths about freedom (see outline above) did you once believe? Have found them to now lack credibility?
7. Under the title above in the outline, “How Freedom Comes,” which point speaks to you the loudest and why did it have such an impact on you?

Take the time to pray about one another’s needs and ask the Holy Spirit to allow the twin powers of truth and freedom to come alive in your hearts and community.