

FREE TO SEE
No More Excuses – Part 3

ON TV: When was it that you and I began lying to ourselves?

ON TV: When do we stop lying to ourselves?

ON TV: When we stop breathing!

ON TV: We call them **reasons**.

ON TV: We create **excuses** and then we disguise our excuses as **reasons** because we want to be **reasonable**.

ON TV: We're not fooling anyone.

ON TV: Our **excuses**.

ON TV: Is it possible that we're missing out in life because we've **walled ourselves in** and that we have **personally lied to ourselves**, by believing our **excuses** are actual obstacles that we can't seem to move beyond?

ON TV: Is it possible that we've **invented a reason**, that's not really a reason, **to excuse** why we behave a certain way or react the way we react, or why we overreact the way we overreact?

ON TV: Over time, a single excuse can actually become a **king** in our life.

ON TV: There is a relationship between our excuses and our **ability to follow Jesus**.

ON TV: Jesus has invited you and me to **follow Him**, and Jesus has come to be **the king of our life**.

ON TV: We can't see it in **our own lives**.

ON TV: Lies about ourselves to ourselves will hold us back. But truth will **set us free**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"I am the light of the world." John 8:12a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the **light of life**." John 8:12b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"The Pharisees challenged him, 'Here you are appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.'" John 8:12c*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"If you hold to my teaching then you are really my disciples." John 8:31*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Then you will know the truth and the truth will **set you free**." John 8:32*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall **see God**..." Matthew 5:8a*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"They answered him, 'We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, 'We shall be free?'" John 8:32b*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"13 When you release a male servant, do not send him away empty handed. 14 Give him a generous farewell gift from your flock, your threshing floor, and your winepress. Share with him some of the bounty with which the Lord your God has blessed you. 15 **Remember that you were once slaves in the land of Egypt** and the Lord God redeemed you! That is why I am giving you this command." Deuteronomy 15:13-15*

ON TV: **Not me!**

ON TV/OUTLINE: “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who sins is a *slave to sin*...” John 8:34

ON TV/OUTLINE: “So, if the Son sets you free, you will be *free indeed*.” John 8:36

ON TV: Would you lean in, and would you *choose to follow Jesus*?

ON TV: Our excuses *prevent us* from engaging with others and from loving other people.

ON TV: Do *you* want to be like that?

ON TV: If we don’t get to the place where we can see what we currently can’t see, we could excuse our whole life away.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “I am the way and the truth and the life...” John 14:6

ON TV: “12 I am the light of the world; whoever follows me *will never walk in darkness* but will have the *light of life*.” John 8:12

ON TV: Is it possible we’re missing out on the life Jesus promised because we’ve *walled ourselves in* because of the excuses we’ve made?

ON TV/OUTLINE: “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and *the truth will set you free*.” John 8:31b-32

ON TV/OUTLINE: “...they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from them...” John 8:59b