

Freedom in Truth

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. Mark 8:34-35

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For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 “But we are descendants of Abraham,” they said. “We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, ‘You will be set free’?” John 8:31-33 (NLT)

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave 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.” John 8:34-38 (ESV)

TRUTH IS NOT A CONCEPT, CONSTRUCT OR RELATIVE

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Numbers 23:19

DISCOVERING TRUTH – FOLLOW THE FACTS THAT LEAD TO TRUTH

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CONDITION: _____ I remain _____ to Jesus’ teachings

BENEFIT: I will know the _____ and be set free

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:27-29

TRUTH = FREEDOM, FROM WHAT? SIN!

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What in your life controls you? How do you know? Ask yourself: Do I feel I NEED it to cope?
How much time do I spend focusing on it or planning for it?
Is there something I'm doing or not doing that is damaging to myself or others?

TRUTH = HOPE!

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:6 (NLT)

FACT/TRUTH: When we choose to follow Christ, we have _____ to sin...

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Romans 6:12-14 (NLT)

PRACTICE: Just say _____!

TRUTH = NEW REALITY

Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. Romans 6:18 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

FACT: we are FREE, a _____ person!!!

PRACTICE: Become a slave to _____ living.

Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Romans 6:13

How can I use my body as an instrument of righteousness?

KEY: PRACTICE!!!!

Read the Bible... Suggestion: Colossians 3, Galatians 5, James 1

Evidence Resources: www.crossroads-ridgecrest.org, books by Josh or Sean McDowell, Lee Strobel, Bruce Malone, The Radical Cross A.W. Tozer

COMMUNION

He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you. Luke 22:19-20