



SERMON NOTES

FORWARD

When Going Back, Going Sideways & Going Nowhere Are Not An Option

Part Four - Free Indeed

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John 8:31-38 (AMP)

31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. 32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

33 They answered Him, We are Abraham's offspring (descendants) and have never been in bondage to anybody. What do You mean by saying, You will be set free? 34 Jesus answered them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Whoever commits and practices sin is the slave of sin. 35 Now a slave does not remain in a household permanently (forever); the son [of the house] does remain forever.

36 So if the Son liberates you [makes you free men], then you are really and unquestionably free.

37 [Yes] I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you plan to kill Me, because My word has no entrance (makes no progress, does not find any place) in you. 38 I tell the things which I have seen and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father. .

What is a true disciple of Jesus Christ?

CONTINUE IN CHRIST'S WORD

1. **L**_____ **to the truth.**

Jh. 17:17 "Thy Word is truth."

2. **L**_____ **more of the truth.**

2 Tim 2:15 Study the Word.

3. **L**_____ **out the truth.**

James 1:22 Not just hearers but doers.

DISCIPLESHIP CONSISTS OF THREE THINGS

1. **B**_____

Jesus said to the Jews, "who believe in Him" (vs. 31).

2. **T**_____

"Continue in my teaching and you will know the truth" (vs. 31).

3. **F**_____

Belief leads to truth which leads to freedom and that "truth will make you free" (vs. 32).

WHAT IS FREEDOM?

“The assurance that every man shall be protected in doing what he believes is his duty against the influence of authority and majorities, custom and opinion.”

John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton, *Essays in the History of Liberty*, ed. Rufus Fears (Indianapolis: (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1985), 7. as quoted in: LAST CALL for LIBERTY by OS GUINNESS

“The absence of a particular obstacle— coercion by other men.”

Friedrich Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1960), 18-19. as quoted in: LAST CALL for LIBERTY by OS GUINNESS

“The ability to choose between alternatives and to act in accordance with one’s choices.”

Jonathan Sacks, *Ceremony and Celebration: Introduction to the Holidays* (New York: Maggid, 2017), 35. as quoted in: LAST CALL for LIBERTY by OS GUINNESS

Spiritual Freedom: the absolving of personal sin and the penalty of that sin resulting in the free exercise of one’s will against the influence of evil and Satan’s schemes – in loving obedience to God and His Holy Commandments. —Carl Toti

FREE

Greek Word: ἐλευθερώω

Transliteration: eleutheroō

to liberate, i.e. (figurative) to exempt (from moral, ceremonial or mortal liability) :- deliver, make free.

Strong’s Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

Simply stated: to be free means not to be a slave.

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THREE STAGES OF FREEDOM

Freedom must be WON, ORDERED and then SUSTAINED.

Galatians 5:1 (GW)

1 Christ has freed us so that we may enjoy the benefits of freedom. Therefore, be firm {in this freedom}, and don’t become slaves again.

1 Kings 6:1 (AMP)

1 AND 480 years after the Israelites came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel, in the second month, Ziv, he began to build the Lord’s house.

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

1. FREE FROM S_____

Romans 6-8.

2. FREE FROM S_____

2 Cor. 4:4; Luke 10:17-20

3. FREE FROM S_____

2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20