

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

John 8.31-47 // November 22, 2020

AS FREE AS SLAVES

The Pharisees are offended that Jesus would suggest that they are not free. But we ought to understand our freedom has limitations, like a slave or an inmate in prison. We are “enslaved,” so to speak, of certain circumstances that we can not change, such as our ethnicity, physical or mental disabilities we may be born with, or, in this case, our sinful nature. A simple profession must be accompanied by possession to make it sure and even proven.

We must possess what we profess.

- RC Sproul

Romans 2.28, 29 // James 2.18-20

We are born into sin, and in ourselves, there is nothing we can do about it. Like a leopard and its spots, or the color of your skin, you are bound to it. Unless, that is, you can somehow be born again as something different.

BEARING, HOLDING, AND ABIDING

Jesus tells the Jews that His Word “finds no place in you.” Like the vessels that hold the water in **John 2** or the books of the world that can’t “contain” all the words of Jesus, our hearts are to hold, contain, and have a place for His Word to dwell.

Matthew 15.7, 8 // 2 Timothy 3.5-7 // 1 Corinthians 2.14

**If your heart doesn’t *contain* God’s Word,
you will not be able to *abide* in His Word.**

**And if you aren’t abiding in His Word,
He tells us that you are not His disciples.**

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Romans 6.6, 7 // Romans 8.15, 16 // Romans 8.13

Be killing sin or sin will be killing you.

-John Owen

The Fight for Freedom

- Draw close to the light.
- Pray that God’s Word would find a place in your heart.
- Confess sin that the indwelling Word shows us.
- Pray for strength to abide in His Word.

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Corinthians 14:20

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 8.31-47**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

How does the reality not being able to change your "leopard's spots," but the fact that God, by His power and grace, causes you, a born slave to sin, to become born again as a son or daughter, change the way that you fight to put sin in the flesh to death?

Your Life Mission

You are surrounded by image bearers, but image bearers who are slaves to sin and they don't even realize it. What conversations may be upcoming that you could use prayer for, that you, as a caring, loving doctor, could hope to bring the truth of both the bad and Good News to their ears, and hopefully find a home in their heart?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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