

**“I AM FREE – FREE INDEED”**

JOHN 8:31-36

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**Introduction**

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**They all fought for freedom because...**

**I. They knew the truth about \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. Everyone is a slave to sin.**

**John 8:31-34** - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

**T or F We sin because we are a sinner!**

**T or F We are sinners because we sin!**

**b. Sin enslaves us in two ways:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 7:18-20, 24** - For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

**Romans 3:22b-23** - For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:1-3** - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the

desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**Jeremiah 17:9** - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

**1 John 2:15-17** - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** - In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

**II. They knew the truth about \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

**John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**John 3:16-17** - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Isaiah 61:1** - The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

**III. They knew the truth through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

**John 8:31-32** - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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

**Conclusion**