

Sunday, 04-24-22

Freedom in Christ Jesus
Bible Background: John 8:31-38
Devotional Reading: 1 John 1:1-4

Aim for Change (Page 384):

1. **CONSIDER** the double meaning of slavery and freedom in Jesus' conversation with believing Jews
 2. **PONDER** the many ways people are enslaved in current society
 3. **LIVE** in the freedom that Jesus gives to those who follow Him
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Intro:

- How can one experience true deliverance? (*Monday – Deuteronomy 15:12-15; Ezra 9:13-15; Psalm 32:6-7; John 12:46-48*)
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In Focus (Page 385):

1. How often do you go out of your way to seek the truth? (*Joshua 24:13-15; Wednesday – Isaiah 61:1-3; John 5:36-44*)
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Background (Pages 387-388):

1. Is the way you're living reflecting God's freedom bondage? (*Tuesday – Galatians 4:21-31*)
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In Depth (Pages 388-389)

1. Set Free (*John 8:31-32*)
 - a. What has the power of Jesus' truth freed you from? (*Thursday – John 8:12-20; Romans 8:2; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*)
 - b. How often are you in His word? (*Joshua 1:8; Psalm 77:12; 119:9-16; Isaiah 58:2*)
 2. Truly Free (*John 8:33-36*)
 - a. How does the performance of Christ's freedom show itself in your life? (*Matthew 7:23; Friday – John 8:21-30; 1 John 3:8*)
 - b. Does your pride/arrogance keep you from remaining humble in Jesus? (*Psalm 10:3-4; Proverbs 29:22-23; Jeremiah 13:16-17*)
 3. Free to Follow (*John 8:37-38*)
 - a. Are we willing to speak His truth, even when it is opposed by others? Are we willing to embrace the freedom He has provided for us? (*Saturday – Psalm 119:41-56*)
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Search the Scriptures (Page 389):

1. Why did the Jews take offense to Jesus' assertion that they were in bondage? (*John 8:33*)
 2. Who is a servant to sin? (*John 8:34*)
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Discuss the Meaning (Page 389):

1. Why do people often remain in bondage when Christ has offered to set us free? (*2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Timothy 5:13; 1 Peter 4:15-19*)
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Liberating Lesson (Page 389):

1. What are we doing individually and collectively as a congregation to help others know the truth so they might be set free? (*Acts 2:43-47; Romans 15:1-6; James 1:19-26*)

Note – *Bold/Italicized* scriptures are to be read during class if time permits

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