



May 11th, 2025
If the Son Sets You Free
John 8:30-47

1. Jesus says that only those who abide in his words will be set free - What does abiding in Jesus' word look like your daily life? How does abiding in Jesus bring freedom?
2. What does Jesus mean by saying, "Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin"? (v.34). Why do people often mistake their sin for freedom?
3. What kinds of slavery (addiction, control, approval, performance) do you observe in our culture?
4. Jesus exposes the false sense of security the Jewish people had by appealing to Abraham as their father (vv.39-40). How can people today fall into the trap of relying on heritage, background, or religious activity rather than genuine faith?
5. Discuss each aspect of how Christ sets us free from sin:
 - The **penalty** of sin (at salvation): Romans 8:1
 - The **power** of sin (ongoing): Romans 6:6-14

Christians are no longer slaves to sin, but this is the struggle with sin is still real - As a believer in Christ, are you experiencing freedom from sin's power? Are you fighting against temptation and living for God? How can you involve someone in your small group to help you fight against sin?

- The **presence** of sin (future): 1 Cor. 15:53-57, Rev. 21:3-5

What do we see about Jesus?

Jesus is the one who can set us free from sin, if we abide in Him

Respond to the sermon:

- **Head:** What did you learn / what were you reminded about who Jesus is?
- **Heart:** What specific steps can you take to grow deeper in your relationship with Christ?
- **Hands:** What ways can you live differently because of these truths?