





Sermon Notes: No Longer Slaves

 John 8:31–59

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Opening Question:

How would you define freedom?

Take 2–3 minutes to discuss with someone near you. What does it mean to be truly free?



Key Verses:

- John 8:31–32 – “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.”



Main Ideas:

1. True Discipleship = Remaining in Jesus’ Teachings

- Belief is not just intellectual—it’s transformational.
- Faithfulness leads to truth, and truth leads to freedom.

2. Freedom According to Jesus

- Not political or social freedom, but freedom from sin.
- Everyone who sins is a slave to sin (v.34).
- Jesus offers freedom and adoption into God’s family.



From Slaves to Sons:

- Slaves: Not part of the family | Sons: Permanent members
- Slaves: No authority | Sons: Carry the Father’s authority
- Slaves: No inheritance | Sons: Heirs of the Kingdom



Supporting Scriptures:

- Matthew 18:18
- Luke 10:19
- Ephesians 1:5
- Galatians 4:4–7

The Conflict:

- The crowd claims Abraham and God as their father.
- Jesus exposes their hearts: “You are children of your father the devil” (v.44).
- They reject truth because they don’t belong to God (v.47).

Identity Check:

- Abraham = man of faith → obeyed and trusted God.
- True children of Abraham = those who live by faith (Galatians 3:6–7).
- Jesus: “Before Abraham was born, I AM” (v.58) → clear claim to divinity.

Reflection:

- Who do you say Jesus is? (Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?)
- Are you living as a slave or as a child of God?
- What defines your identity—your past, your performance, your desires, or your position in Christ?

Response Time:

- Need prayer? Come forward.
- Want to know Jesus? Talk to someone today.
- Struggling with freedom? Bring it to Jesus.
- Receive communion and be reminded of His grace.
- Worship freely—“I am a child of God.”

Notes & Takeaways: