

The Freeing Power of Truth

John 8

(30) Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

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(31) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

John 6

(66) From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

1 John 2

(19) They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

Seeking Faith

vs.

Saving Faith

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Discipleship means that the voice of Christ shapes what you **believe**, what you **value**, and how you **live**.

Colossians 3

(16) Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly....

John 8

(32) “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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(33) They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

John 8

(34) Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.”

Sin enslaves by convincing us that freedom
is found away from the rule of God.

Sin enslaves us by convincing us that we can be free anytime we want.

Sin enslaves us by abandoning us to guilt.

Sin enslaves us by numbing us
to future consequences.

Proverbs 14

*(12) There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.*

Proverbs 5

(1) My son, pay attention to my wisdom,

(3) For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

Proverbs 5

*(5) Her feet go down to death;
her steps lead straight to the grave.*

*(8) Keep to a path far from her,
do not go near the door of her house,*

John 8

(35) Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.

John 1

(12) Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

Galatians 4

(4) But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son...to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons.

1 Peter 1

(18) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed(19) but with the precious blood of Christ

