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LESSON 8

UNIT 2: LIBERATING GOSPELS

TOPIC: EXPERIENCING LIBERATION

DEVOTIONAL READING: GALATIANS 5:1-13

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES: JOHN 8:31-38

PRINT PASSAGES: JOHN 8:31-38

KEY VERSE: "IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED (JOHN 8:36, KJV)."

LESSON AIMS:

- 1) **CONSIDER THE DOUBLE MEANING OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM IN JESUS' CONVERSATION WITH BELIEVING JEWS**
- 2) **PONDER THE MANY WAYS THAT PEOPLE ARE ENSLAVED IN CURRENT SOCIETY**
- 3) **LIVE IN THE FREEDOM THAT JESUS GIVES TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM**

KEY TERMS:

- 1) **ABIDE: To stay, remain; continue in**
- 2) **ANSWERED: replied; took up the conversation**
- 3) **FREE: delivered from obligation; released; unrestrained**
- 4) **KILL: to destroy, put to death; extinguish**
- 5) **SEED: descendants; offspring; children**
- 6) **TRUTH: DeVine truth revealed to humanity; truth of idea; reality.**

INTRODUCTION:

It is important that we cherish the freedom we have today. While freedoms can be misused, we must not forget that freedom comes with obligations. We are to not abuse or mishandle our freedom, simply because it will and can be lost. Thanks be to God, who gives us Christians the power to live beyond the grip of addictive habits and sinful ideas. We don't have to be held captive or feel defeated. The power of the Holy Spirit frees us from the bondages of sin, liberating us to choose a different path. That path is a life with Jesus Christ, and it glorifies God and blesses others. True freedom is a matter of being loosed from the self-servitude of sin.

TOPIC 1

- **UNFOCUSED FREEDOM (JOHN 8:31-34)**

In the text, Jesus was teaching, and his focus was on those Jews who had come to believe on Him (John 7: 31). Their belief came as they had seen and heard of Jesus' many teachings and acts of healing many others (John 7: 7-14, 46 and 7: 21). That if they believed and continued to live by His word, then they would be disciples indeed. In other words, they, and us must not only read the word (talk), but we must also walk in the Word (live). This is a continuous (abiding) and faithful way to stay focused and faithful way to Jesus' freedom. He is the truth, and He is the only one who makes us free (John 14: 6). Then Jesus' next saying had the Jews to question Him. They were saying that they were never slaves to anyone, yet free due to their lineage to Abraham. In, reality they had forgotten when they were in bondage to the Egyptians (Exodus 12: 40). What Jesus was really implying was that they had a different kind of freedom. Free from sin, by believing in Him. That if they continue to ignore His word and truth, they would be in bondage or a slave to sin. Thank God that we have the freedom today to live with him.

TOPIC 2

- **NEW-FOCUSED FREEDOM (JOHN 8:35-38)**

Jesus continues to make clear about the truth even further by using a metaphor. He talked about an owner of a servant in a house, and the son of the owner of the house. The servant can be set free or let go at any time. On the behalf of the owner's son, he is the seed of the owner and inherits. God is the seed of our inheritance to the freedom that we have when he sent HIS SON for us (John 3: 16 - 17). Jesus is the source of eternal life with the "SON of GOD!" Jesus is the only one who sets us free from sin. Abraham was known as (the little) father of many, but GOD is the (big) FATHER. The one we must follow for He died for our sins, so that we can have eternal life with Him and HIS FATHER. True freedom comes by way of GOD, THEN THE SON OF GOD (JESUS), and the HOLY SPIRIT.

CONCLUSION

Jesus spoke the truth because He spoke the words of His Father a declaration of true freedom. Freedom that comes from the Father will lead us to eternal life with the SON. We must seek Jesus and His Word and become His disciples. Then we can and will be set free to enjoy the new day of liberation with HIM.

NUGGETS

- 1) Freedom comes in obedience to Christ, who came to save us
- 2) No lineage or genealogy can set us free: only Christ can do that
- 3) True freedom only comes to those who stand before God and confess their sins