FREEDOM OF THE DEEPEST KIND

Living in America provides freedoms that many others around the world do not necessarily experience. And we are grateful for the ability to live unencumbered in so many ways. The American picture of freedom is awesome - but there is a freedom that can occur even in the most oppressive places in history.

Freedom from *obscurity*, the *lack of a satisfied mind*, and the *fear of no discovery of meaning* are all swept aside in the freedom Jesus offers in John 8:31-38.

What do you learn about freedom? How do people redefine freedom?

What do you learn about bondage? In what ways do people deny the reality of bondage?

"So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

"I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. "I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father." They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus *said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

"But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. "Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.

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Hebrews 2:15

Galatians 5:1

Romans 7:24

Psalm 146



