

Freedom Found in the Truth

John 8:31-36

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1) Freedom in Facing Jesus – v. 31

Jesus “turns” his attention and speech to those who believed Him. But they needed instruction because these ‘believers’ were in a mixed crowd, many who disliked Jesus, even calling him a liar and being demon possessed.

John 7:20, Jn 8:48, Jn 8:7

Similarly, believers need to “turn” their full attention to Jesus’ face.

2) Freedom by Focusing on the Truth – v. 32

A. Convinced in Our Minds – We must become fully convinced of who Jesus is...and what He said of Himself is TRUTH! **Jn 18:38; Jn 1:17; Jn 14:5-6**

B. Convicted in Our Moves – Once we are convinced in our minds of Jesus’ authority, we are now “released” and free to fully walk out God’s purpose in our lives. Move with Purpose! **Gal 5:1; 1 Peter 2:16**

3) Freedom in Facing Truth (Past & Present) – v. 33-34

The agitators in the crowd now talk back to Jesus, when He wasn’t really talking to them. They are unaware of the truth of their spiritual condition.

A. Where has your past brought you? – What is your spiritual heritage?

B. Where is your present taking you? – Are you in God’s will for your life right now? What is your spiritual trajectory?

4) Freedom Forever – v. 35-36

Only Jesus has the power to “release” you from spiritual bondage. Thus giving you permanent freedom! **Gn 21:10; Rom 8:1-2; 1 Jn 2:17**