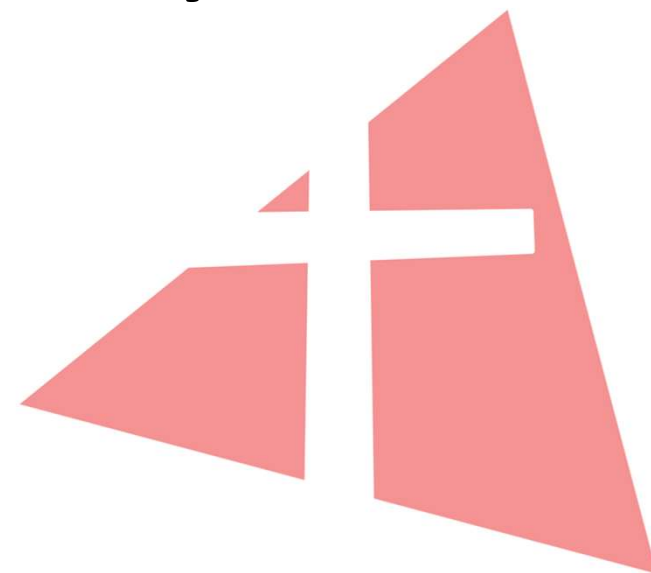


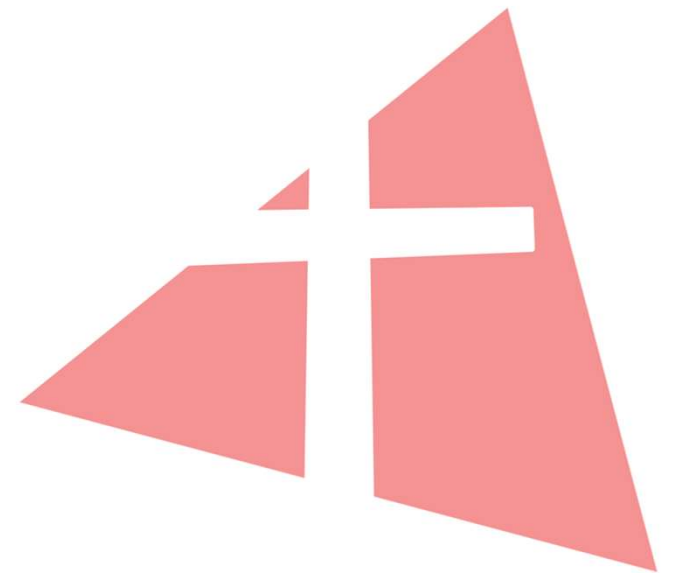
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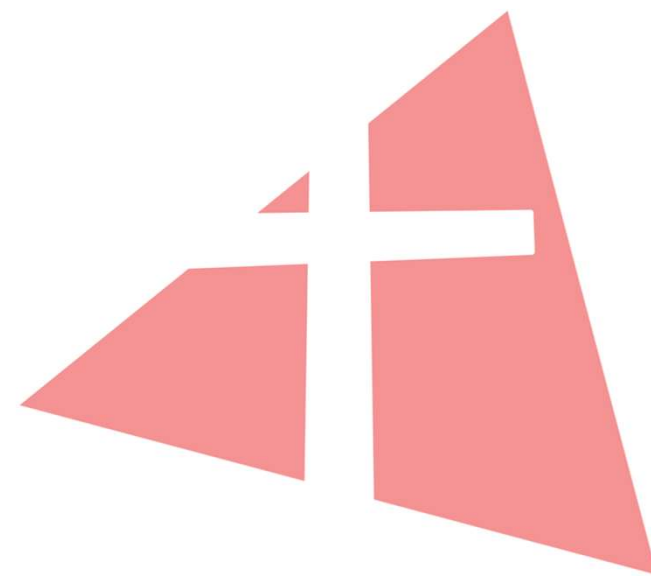
Our Series: The Gospel of John

- **Last week: Jesus and the woman caught in adultery**



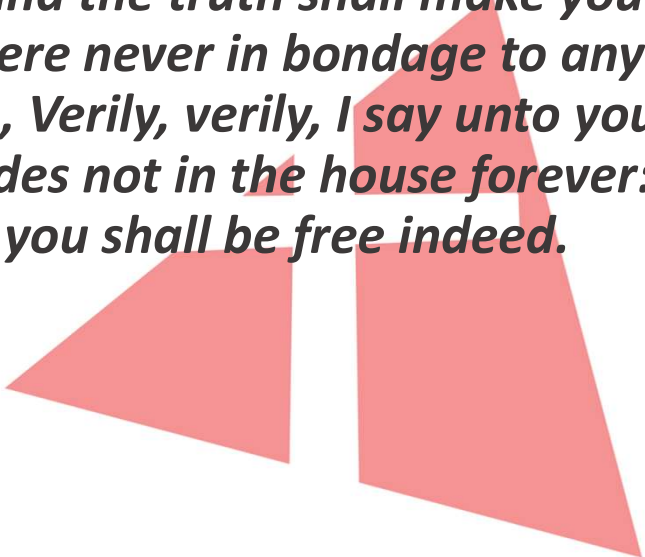
Today's Topic

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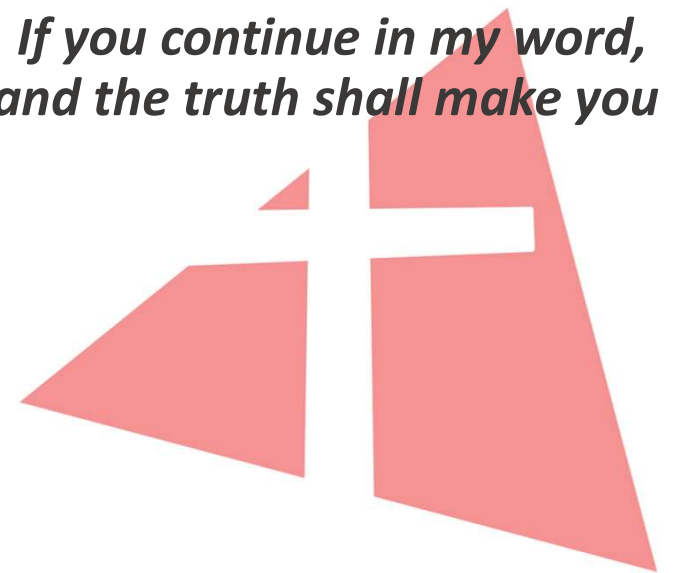
Today's Passage

John 8:31-36 Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We are Abraham's descendants, and were never in bondage to any man: how say you, You shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abides not in the house forever: but the Son abides ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

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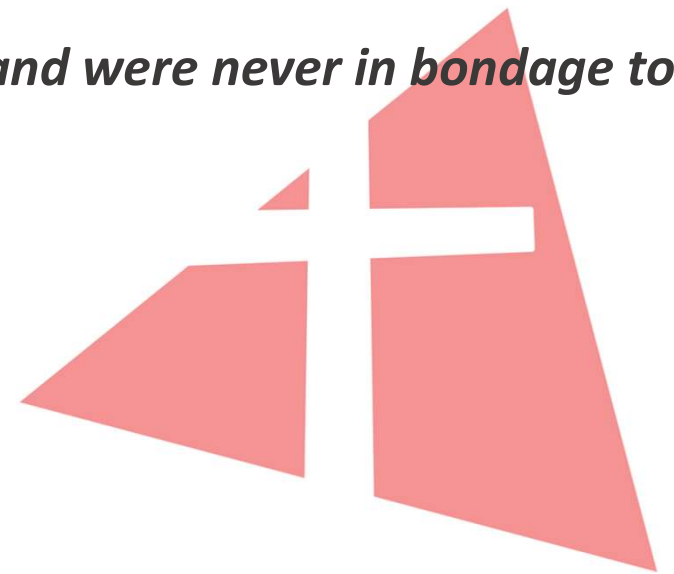
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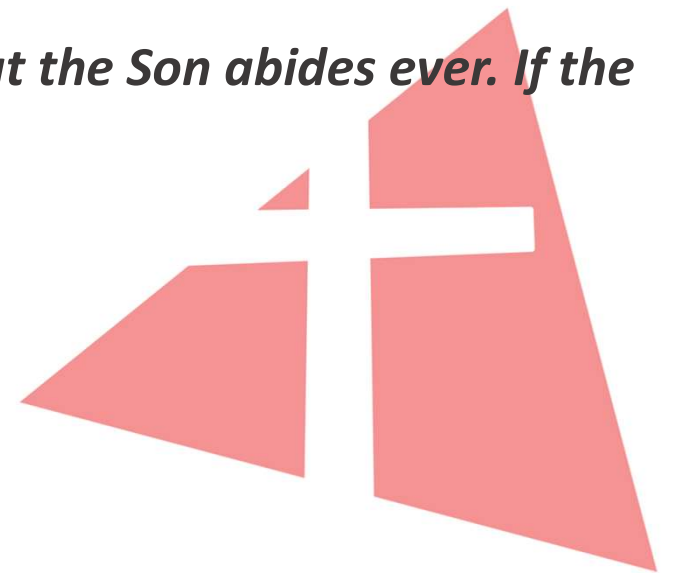
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The Context

- **This teaching comes right after the restoration of the woman caught in adultery for a reason**



Other passages

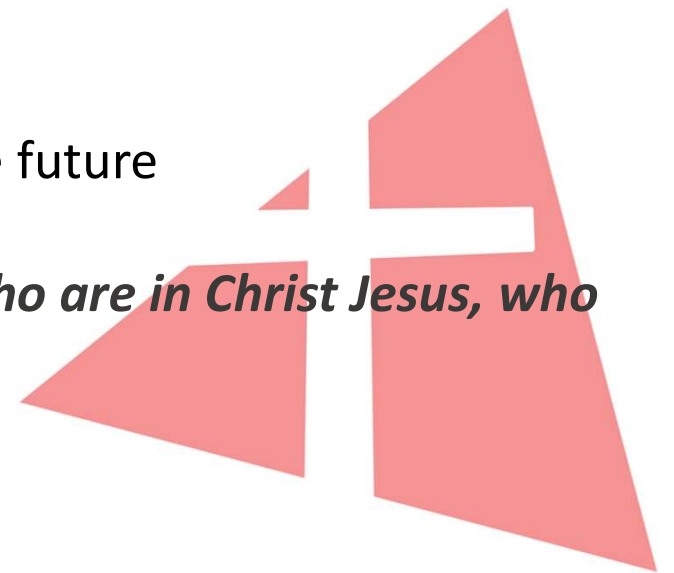
Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.



What is Freedom?

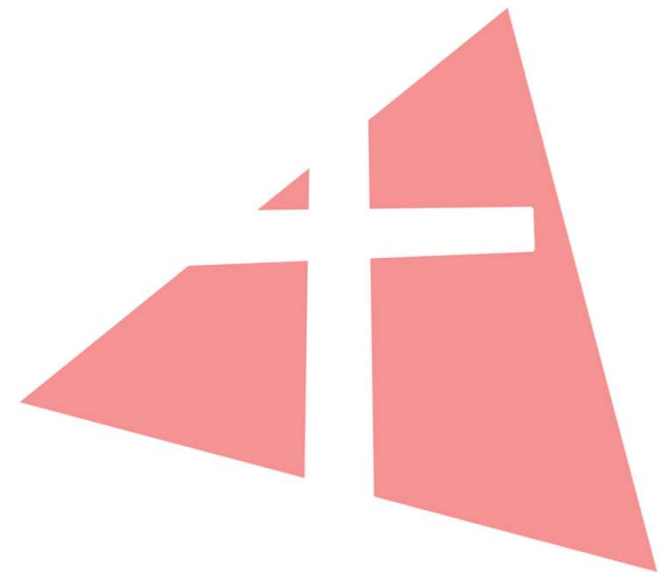
- **Not the freedom to do whatever we want to do**
- **But the spiritual freedom that Jesus offers**
 - Freedom from evil spirits
 - Freedom from the consequences of our sin
 - Freedom that comes when we know our identity and secure future

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



Jesus' Offer

- **Identity**
- **Knowing the Truth**
- **Freedom**



Our Part

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed;

○ μένω ménō, men'-o

a primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):—abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), × thine own.



In Conclusion

- **How seriously we take God's Word in the Bible determines how deeply we can experience the freedom God offers**

