

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John: Can He Be Trusted?

Sermon Title: The Truth We Resist

Sermon Text: John 8:31–36

Today's Date: Sunday, June 14, 2026

Congregational Reading:

John 8:31–32, “Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Question of the Day: What if the freedom we crave is found in the truth we resist?

Bottom Line: Freedom begins where self-rule ends.

1. False freedom lets desire define truth. John 8:31–32

Application Question: What truth from Jesus are you editing to fit the life you want?

2. False freedom can become a comfortable form of slavery. (John 8:33–34)

Application Question: Is there something in your life that began as comfort, escape, or control, but slowly became a chain?

3. Jesus gives the freedom self-rule only promises. (John 8:35–36)

Application Question: What have you learned to live with that Jesus is inviting you to surrender?

Benediction / Blessing:

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, reveal Himself to you so that you may know true freedom.

May God the Father remind you that His truth is never cruel, never careless, and never meant to destroy those who come to Him.

May the Holy Spirit give you courage to name the chains you have called freedom and grace to bring the hidden things into the light.

May every false identity lose its grip.

May every hidden bondage begin to break.

May every weary soul find rest from the exhausting work of self-rule.

And may you learn to abide in the word of Christ, walk in the freedom of Christ, and live as people who have been brought home to what is faithful, and true.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.