

“Being Truly Free”

Based on John 8:31-32 (NIV)
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John 8:31a - “To the Jews who had believed him,” ...

† **I believe:**

- That Jesus is my Savior.
- All that he says about the love of God.
- All that he says about the terror of sin.
- All that he says about the meaning of life.

John 8:31b - Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”

† **To truly call myself a disciple of Jesus, a Christian, I am to hold his teachings.**

† **It is only by holding onto Jesus’ teaching constantly, having a continuing relationship with Christ, then and only then am I a true disciple.**

John 8:32 - “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

† **The freedom that Jesus gives me is not freedom to do whatever I want, but freedom to follow God.**

† **When I hold Christ’s teachings, I discover what God’s plan is for me in living my life.**

† If _____ holds to my teachings,
_____ is really my disciple.

Then _____ will know the truth,
and the truth will set _____ free.

(Fill in the blanks in this point with your first name)

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† What does being “truly free” mean to me?

† Do I believe Jesus and all he says?

† How do I “hold” (show) that I am following Jesus’ teachings through my words? Through my actions?

† In what situations am I more likely to “drop” Jesus’ teachings than “hold” them?

† What am I doing to know Jesus better so that I will know God’s truth about my life and I can truly be free, not just on July 4th, but everyday?