

## **FREEDOM**

*Courageous: Living Out Your Faith in a New World- Part 4*

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### **John 8:31-32**

#### **False Freedom**

*“At that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing.”*

*Judges 21:25 (Mess)*

- a. **My choices only affect me.**
- b. **My feelings are the truest expression of who I am.**
- c. **My life is for me.**

#### **1. GOD’S PROMISE: PERSONAL FREEDOM.**

*“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

*John 8:31-32 (ESV)*

### **Steps to Real Freedom**

#### **A. Acknowledge the root of my problem.**

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*

*I John 1:8 (ESV)*

*“Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.” John 8:34 (ESV)*

#### **B. Believe that Jesus can change me.**

*“Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...” Romans 7:24-25a (NLT)*

#### **C. Commit my life fully to Christ.**

*“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires... Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you are no longer subject to the law, which enslaves you to sin. Instead, you are free by God's grace.” Romans 6:12-14 (NLT)*