

Digging Deeper: John 8:31–47

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Day 1

Pray, thanking God for today and for His word that we can learn from. Read John 8:31–47. What does it mean to believe something? And to be faithful? Think about your life. To who or what are you faithful? What do you think this “truth” is that Jesus talks about in verse 32? What freedom does He mean, freedom from what? Check out Romans 6:16-18.

Day 2

Find a quiet place to pray. Praise Jesus for being the light of the world, for coming so that ALL who want grace, forgiveness and rest, can find it in Him. Read John 8:31–47. When it comes to the people around Jesus in verse 33, where or how do they think they get their freedom? How does Jesus answer them? Read 1 John 2:4–6. What are we supposed to do to remain free?

Day 3

Pray for how Jesus can use you today to help others around you. Read John 8:–47. If you attend church or have family connections with the church, does that mean you’re good with Jesus? In verse 39 Jesus talks about being children, either true children (descendants) of God, or not (verse 44). What do you think was preventing them from hearing Jesus and understanding Him? How do you know you are a true child of God? Check out 1 John 5:1–4.

Day 4

Pray for how Jesus can use you today to be His local hands and feet to help others around you, your family, your neighbors and even random people you meet today. Read John 8:31–47. Think back to when someone lied to you about something pretty big in your life. How do you know they were lying to you? What does that tell you about them (verse 44)? How do people’s actions reveal who their true “father” is? Read Luke 6:43–46. What are we supposed to do about that? Read the previous section in Luke 6:37–41. So we are not supposed to judge, but what are we supposed to do? Read the previous section in Luke 6:27-35.

Day 5

Before you read, pray. When you pray, praise God, thank Him for what you have, admit your sins, ask forgiveness and, with humility, ask Him for what you need. Read John 8:31–47. In verses 46 and 47, the prideful Jews were not able to understand or hear what Jesus is telling them. They think they are hearing Him, but they are not really understanding. What sinful challenges are happening in your life right now, that might be preventing you from hearing what Jesus wants for you and your life?

Day 6

As you pray and thank God for your many blessings, write down your thoughts and ideas from your prayer times into your prayer journal and how can you put these things into action for your life. Read John 8:31–47. What one or two insights from this week’s sermon do you want to write down and take to heart? What practical steps can you take to align your life with Jesus’ truth from these lessons this week?