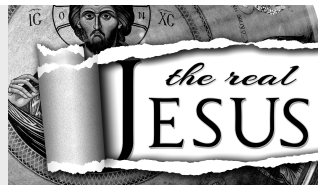


Who is your Father?

The Real Jesus- Part 27 John 8:31-47

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1. How does the “truth” set you free?

Jesus says that true disciples continue to learn and apply his teachings and way of life! When we do we will “know” the truth and that is where true freedom to experience all that God made us for is found!

John 14:21 Whoever has **my** commands and **obeys** them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by **my** Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

The word “**Disciple**” occurs **269** times in the New Testament. The word “Christian” is found only 3 times. “The New Testament is a book about disciples, by disciples and for disciples of Jesus.”
-Dallas Willard “The Great Omission” pg. 3

2. Being God’s child means...

A: God is my ultimate authority.

John 8:28 So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that **I do nothing** on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

John 14:31 I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

B: I have THE reliable friend!

John 15:14-15 You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and **he was called God’s friend**.

C: I have an outstanding Father!

Luke 15:21&24 while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him....²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. How has your relationship with your earthly father, shaped your understandings/feelings about your heavenly Father?
3. The word “disciple” is used a lot in the New Testament, but it’s hard to find a single definition for it. The original audience may have known how to define it, but how do you?

“ When Jesus spoke of “knowing the truth” he was speaking of knowing God's revelation to men. *This revelation is embodied in Jesus himself, the word (John 1:1); therefore, to know the truth is to know Jesus.* The truth is not political freedom or intellectual knowledge. Knowing the truth means accepting it, obeying it and regarding it above all earthly opinions. Doing so offers us true freedom from sin and death.” -Life Application Bible Commentary John, pg.180

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