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³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

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Where Does Freedom Come From?

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Freedom is not attained. Rather, freedom is bestowed personally by a Person (Jesus).

Jesus is the only giver of Spiritual Freedom!

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Social/ Political Freedom?

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⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

⁶ The woman was convinced... (Gen. 3 NLT)

Self Centered Freedom?

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Self Centered Freedom?

¹⁹ They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. (2 Pet.2 NLT)

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³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must **love the LORD your God** with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘**Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ (Matt. 22)

Jesus Freedom!

³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you **give up your life for my sake** and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. (Mk.8:35NLT)

¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, **use your freedom to serve one another in love.** (Gal.5:13NLT)

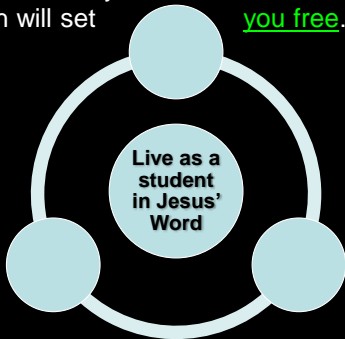
How do I obtain freedom?

³⁰ Then many who heard him say these things **believed in him.**

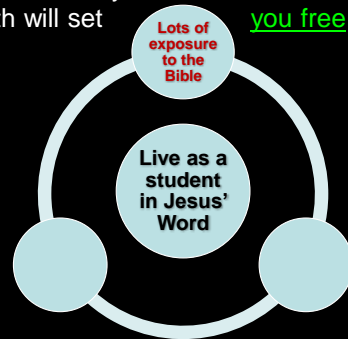
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Trust yourself to Jesus!

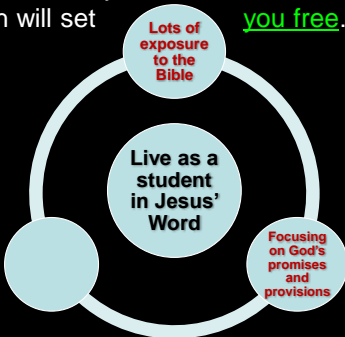
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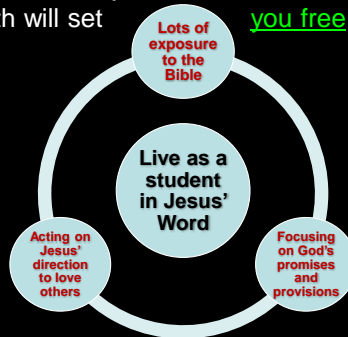
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"If you insist on... living for yourself, and refuse to let yourself go, you will lose yourself. But if you are willing to give yourself away in love, then... you find yourself and your freedom. It is only sacrificial service, the giving of the self in love to God and others, which is perfect freedom." John R. W. Stott

How does this become a reality in *your* life?

1) We are either bound or we are free. Perhaps you have not entered into the initial freedom of being delivered from sin?

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2) Others of us may find that even though we have been liberated, the word bondage seems to best describe where we are. As a believer have you returned to your old ways?

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