## John 8:30-59

## Review...

- John 8:1-11 The woman caught in adultery...
  - o The Religious Leaders brought a woman to Jesus caught in adultery to be stoned...
  - o Jesus said he who has no sin cast the first stone then wrote in the sand...
  - o From the oldest to the youngest they all left only the woman remained...
  - o Jesus looked up where are your accusers 'neither do I accuse you go and sin no more.'
- JOHN 8:1-11 THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY...
  - o On another day Jesus stood up in the Temple I Am the Light of the world...
    - Those who follow Jesus will not longer be in darkness / sin...
    - Jesus came to light the way to heaven to show us how to live our lives for God!
  - o The Religious leaders rejected the light questioned Jesus claim...
    - It takes two or more witnesses who did Jesus have to verify what He was saying...
    - Jesus is God He did not need anyone to verify His claim!
    - But He told them His Father was the 2<sup>nd</sup> witness the leaders thought He meant Joseph!
  - o Jesus told them He was going away and where He went they could not follow...
    - He was speaking of His citizenship he belonged to heaven / they belonged to the earth...
    - Only when Jesus was up on the cross then they would believe His words!

## Who is your father... (3 things)

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Freed from sin... vs. 30-36 (2 things)
  - o 1st As Jesus taught many believed (Aorist) Him that day... vs. 30-32
    - But it was not just about them believing that day they needed to continue to believe...
    - I have met many people who will raise their hand when you present the Gospel...
    - But afterwards they go right back to their old lives no lasting effect...
    - Believing in Jesus is not about a momentary decision it is a life long commitment!
    - Jesus encouraged them to abide in His Word then they would be His disciples...
      - They would know the truth and the truth would set them free...
      - It is only when we continue to be in the Word continue to believe in Jesus...
      - That we are going to discover the truth life is about knowing God John 17:3
      - That God gave us this life to choose make a decision about our eternity...
      - When we make that choice we are free cause we know where we will spend eternity!
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Upset by Jesus words 'need to be set free' the 'believers' argued with Jesus... vs. 33-36
    - We are the children of Abraham and have never been in bondage...
    - But their argument was a lie at that very moment they were slaves to Rome...
    - And before that they had been conquered by Greece / Babylon / Assyria...
    - In fact the Jews had not been free for over 400 years!
    - But that was not the freedom Jesus was talking about He was talking about sin...
      - 'I TELL YOU THE TRUTH' whoever practices sin (habit) is a slave to sin...
      - Sin is like a drug the most addictive kind of drug and it will take over your life...
      - The same way a drug dealer gets a new client giving them a free sample...
      - Sin can seem to be enjoyable but it sucks us in and we are trapped!
      - In the end we find we are in bondage to sin morally and spiritually bankrupt!

- The slave does not abide in the Master's house only the son does...
  - A slave is not a permanent member of a family they can be fired at any time...
  - But a son will always have a home no matter where he goes he is always welcome...
  - We either choose to be a slave to sin or we choose to be a child of God...
  - We choose be either living for sin or abiding in the Word of God...
  - **Romans 6:16** "You become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God..."
  - The result of which is either we are a slave and do not belong in the house of God...
  - Or we are a son and therefore an always welcome into the presence of our Lord!
- If the Son sets you free you are free indeed!
  - I heard a story about a young boy who was learning to ride a bike...
  - The only way he knew how to stop was by running into things...
  - His father had told him about the brakes but he refused to use them...
  - The point being Jesus has set free from sin if we choose to use the brakes...
  - We no longer have to sin we have the choice of being free do we choose to use it...
  - Do we choose to live in bondage to sin or do we choose to be free!
  - **Deuteronomy 30:19** "I have set before you life and death, therefore choose life..."
- $2^{ND}$  Who is your Father... vs. 37-47 (3 things)
  - o 1st The children of Abraham... vs. 37-40
    - The Jews were the descendants of Abraham but they also sought to kill Jesus...
      - The reason was because they were full and had no room left in them for His Word...
      - Jesus was giving them the Word the Father / they were full of the things of their father
      - There is only so much room in our hearts we choose what we fill that room with...
      - $\bullet \;\;$  If we fill our lives with everything but God work / food / entertainment / sin...
      - Then we are not going to have any room / time left to give to Jesus!
    - They argued Abraham is our Father...
      - Jesus pointed out if they were the children of Abraham they would act like Abraham
      - But instead they sought to kill Jesus because He told them the truth from God...
      - Abraham never did anything like that showing they were not his children!
      - Just because someone goes to church does not make them a Christian...
      - We can say all the right things to sound like a Christian come to church every Sunday...
      - But it is not about what we say it is about the actions from our lives...
      - Not that we will not make occasional mistakes we are all sinners...
      - But if we live a life that is defined by sin then we show we do not know God...
      - I John 3:6 "Anyone who continues to live in Jesus will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know [Jesus]..."
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> The children of satan... vs. 41-44
    - In anger the people replied 'We were not born of fornication we have one Father God'...
      - Likely a reference to miracle of the virgin birth something we believe today...
      - But it would not have been the same in Jesus' day He was considered illegitimate...
      - Jesus grew up with the stigma of a questionable birth 'who is your father?'
      - This is the first of two insults the Jews threw at Jesus because they were convicted...
      - It you throw a rock into a dog pound the one who yelps got hit...
      - You know when someone is convicted because they react to what you say...

- The more upset the get at the Word of God the more convicted they are by the Word!
- If God were their Father they would love Jesus...
  - Jesus came from God He was sent by God but still they rejected Him...
  - They did not understand what Jesus said because they had no power to hear His Word
  - Why were they unable to hear the Word of God because of their sin...
  - When we choose to sin we become ashamed we knew better we become 'huya'...
  - Anything that has to do with God reminds us of our sin we try to avoid...
  - Sin keeps us from wanting to read our Bible go to church fellowship with believers...
  - Sin will keep us from fellowship/growing in the lord but the Lord keeps us from sin!
- You are of your father the devil (diablo the accuser)...
  - The proof was in their actions they followed the example of their father...
    - o The devil is a murdered from the very beginning...
    - o It was through the temptation in the garden the devil brought death into the world!
    - o If we like to tempt others to sin then we are acting like the devil...
    - o God does not play around when it comes to stumbling His children...
    - o He is a VERY protective Father and will deal with anyone who threatens His kids!
    - o A sobering thought something to keep in mind next time we 'invite' someone to...
    - o Have a drink go to the party play the game have a boyfriend/girlfriend...
  - The devil is a liar he is the father of lies...
    - o Nothing that the devil says is true everything that comes from him is a lie...
    - o He lies and tells you sin is fun just give it a try get you hooked like a drug dealer...
    - o He lies and tells you once you have sinned you cannot go back to God...
    - o If we try and keep people from coming to God/church we are acting like the devil...
    - o And if we are acting like the devil then it shows we are the children of the devil...
    - o IJohn 3:8 "When people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil."
- o  $3^{rd}$  The Love of the Word... vs. 45-47
  - Jesus told the truth but they would not listen...
    - He had done nothing wrong no one could make a single accusation against Him...
    - And yet they refused to listen revealing they did not belong to God...
    - The person who refused to listen to the Word / come to church...
    - Not even noticing if they have read the Bible care nothing for the Word...
    - Shows their true colors they are not a child of God / they are a child of the devil...
    - **II Corinthians 13:5** "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you."
  - The person who belong to God listens to the Word of God...
    - In fact the Love of the Word is the key proof that we are the children of God...
    - Do we light up when someone is teaching a Bible study...
    - Do we look forward to those moments when we get a chance to read the Word...
    - It is because we are the children of God and we love to hear from our Father!
    - Psalms 119:97 "Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long..."
- 3<sup>RD</sup> OBEY THE WORD... vs. 48-59 (3 THINGS)
  - o  $1^{\rm st}$  In pure anger the Jews said 'You are a Samaritan and have a demon'... vs. 48-50
    - They had no answer to Jesus test all they could do was hurl insults...
      - To the Jew there was no worse thing than to be called a Samaritan...
      - Except perhaps to be called a demon possessed Samaritan...

- When you confront people with who their father is expect them to be angry...
- Jesus patiently countered I do not have a demon....
  - Note He did not even dignify the Samaritan comment with an answer...
  - Everything Jesus did was to honor the father yet the people dishonored Jesus...
  - By dishonoring Jesus they dishonored the Father and the Father would judge them..
  - We ultimately share the fate of our 'father' for good or for bad...
  - Either we experience the infinite wonder of heaven with God I Corinthians 2:9
  - Or we suffer the unspeakable horrors of hell prepared for the devil Revelation 20:10
  - That is why we tell people about Jesus give them the Word not to attack them...
  - We share cause of the very real danger that comes with rejecting Jesus Christ...
  - Hell is not temporary hell is the 2<sup>nd</sup> death eternal separation from God no hope...
  - Keeping people from Hell is worth a little ridicule worth being made fun of...
- o  $2^{nd}$  'I tell you the truth' whoever keeps the Word will never die... vs. 51-55
  - The Jews answered now we know you have a demon...
    - Abraham / Prophets are all dead yet You say if someone listen to You they will not die
    - Are you greater than Abraham or the Prophets who do you think You are!
    - When you tell people there is only one way to get to heaven the Bible faith in Jesus...
    - They will want to know what gives you the right to tell them who their father is!
    - They will challenge you who do you think you are what makes you an authority!
  - Jesus answered 'I know the Father'...
    - To say Jesus did not know the Father would make Him a 'liar like the Jews' (slam)...
    - The people did not know (ginosko) have a personal experience with the father...
    - But Jesus knew (eido) / had seen the Father personally and kept His Word (logos)!
    - So absolutely Jesus was greater than Abraham or the Prophets...
    - The reason why we have authority is because we know Jesus / His Word!
    - The Gospel is not our opinion / it is the Word of God it is THE fact!
    - We are not giving people our opinion we are giving them the TRUTH!
- o  $3^{rd}$  Abraham saw Jesus and rejoiced... vs. 56-59
  - When did Abraham see Jesus 2 thoughts...
    - When Melchizedek (Jesus) came out and blessed Abraham Genesis 14:18-19
    - **Hebrews 7:1-3** "Melchizedek... [is] like the Son of God..."
    - When the Lord appeared to Abraham and told Him he would have a son Genesis 19:1
    - Both times Abraham rejoiced when He heard the Word of God...
    - In fact the name of the son God promised to give was 'Isaac' meaning laughter!
  - You are not even 50 years old and you say Abraham...
    - They were pointing out the physical impossibility of Jesus' claim because of His age...
    - $\bullet \;\;$  Abraham had lived some 2000 years before the time of Jesus...
  - Before Abraham was 'I Am'!
    - The 'I AM' is one of the titles given by God to Moses (burning bush) **Exodus 3**
    - There can be no mistake to what Jesus is saying He saw Abraham because He is God!
    - We can further be sure because in response the people took up stones to kill Him!
    - But Jesus was hidden from them passed by them and left the Temple...
  - Life comes down to one very simple decision we must make who is our father...
    - Do we choose to live our lives in bondage to sin unwilling to hear the word...
    - Acting just like satan showing that we are the sons of the devil...

Or do we choose to abide in	the Word of God	- set free from sin - a	child of God!