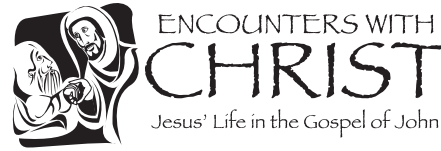


# Prayer Updates



**"How Christ Sets Me Free" John 8:31-59**

Message by René Schlaepfer March 4 & 5, 2006

## HOSPITALIZATIONS & SURGERIES THIS PAST WEEK

Buck Harris – pneumonia  
Bud Emory – surgery  
Dennis Mowles – cancer surgery  
James Bresnahan – testing  
Janis Pavlovich – testing  
John Parich – back injury  
Larry Warren – testing  
Loré Kingsbury – cancer surgery  
Marie Enns – angiogram  
Robert Walters – spinal infection

### Recent hospitalizations & surgeries:

David Foster, Ellie Tefertiller, Faye Davis, Gloria Heiss

### Upcoming surgeries:

Ladell Faulk – ill with bronchitis, cancer surgery rescheduled for 3/8 at Dominican

## Home With The Lord

"Thank you so very much for your prayers, flowers, phone calls, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of my son and my brother, Kevin. Our hearts have been touched by your thoughtfulness." Pauline Roby & Kim Lowe

## Thank You To Our Church Family

One of our dear shut-ins, Viola Beyer, is now present with the Lord (her husband, Carl, preceded her by three years). She was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Elaine Enos of Sunnyvale, who also worships at TLC. Please remember Elaine and family in your prayers.

## We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

*"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* John 8:32

## What Truth Sets Me Free?

### 1. The Truth About My \_\_\_\_\_

*They answered, "We have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."* John 8:33,34

I must admit I am a \_\_\_\_\_

*...a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.* 2 Peter 2:19

### 2. The Truth About My \_\_\_\_\_

*"Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. As it is, you are determined to kill me... Abraham did not do such things. You are doing the things your own father does."* John 8:39-41

*"The only Father we have is God himself," they replied. Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God... You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language..."* John 8:42-44

I must honestly analyze the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life

My actions show who I truly serve as \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. The Truth About My \_\_\_\_\_

*The people here show 2 typical ways of resisting Jesus' challenge:*

*Slander: "illegitimate"! (v. 41) "demon possessed"! (v. 48)*

*Sarcasm: "Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"* John 8:53

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (See Exodus 3:14) At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself..."* John 8:57-59

I must honestly ask if I am \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 questions to ask each day to experience freedom:

### • Who am I: A \_\_\_\_\_ or a slave?

*"A slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* John 8:36

### • Am I leaving room in my life for His \_\_\_\_\_?

*"...you have no room for my word."* John 8:37b

# Vision Day Preview

*“You will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**” John 8:32*

As a church, we want to...

- \_\_\_\_\_ with the truth
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth
- \_\_\_\_\_ the truth

Come to the “Vision Day” annual meeting at 12:15 Sunday in Monschke Hall for an inspiring look at how TLC is spreading the message of the truth that sets us free!

## Daily Meditations

*Memory Verse: “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32*

### Monday

Read John 8:31-59. Look back over your notes from last weekend. What most often hinders you from experiencing freedom in Christ?

What truth did you learn that can help you live in freedom this week? How will you apply that to your life?

*Thank God today for the freedom He longs to give you. Pray about the things that hinder you from living in that freedom. Ask God to teach you this week about it what means to be truly free.*

### Tuesday

Read John 8:33-34, Galatians 5:1 & 2 Peter 2:18-19. How is sin a form of slavery? How have you seen the truth of that in your life?

Think about your life right now. In what way(s) are you feeling enslaved by sin? How has that impacted your daily life?

Write down two truths you know from the Bible that could help you experience freedom over that sin.

- 1.
- 2.

*Thank God today that you have a choice – you don’t have to be enslaved to sin. Thank God for caring about your struggles. Talk to Him about the sin you feel is enslaving you right now. Pray that the two truths you wrote down will begin to take hold in your life. Pray that you will experience freedom in new ways today.*

### Wednesday

Read John 8:39-44 & Galatians 5:22-26. What truth was Jesus trying to teach the Jews in this passage? How does this apply to your life?

Think about yesterday. What would you say the fruit of your day was?

Spend some time thinking about the legacy (fruit) you want to leave. Write down three choices you can make each day that will demonstrate your freedom in Christ.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Thank God today that you have the opportunity to leave a legacy. Pray that you will remember as you make choices today that your choices – for good or bad – will bear fruit. Ask God to give you the strength to make good, fruit-bearing choices today.*

### Thursday

Read John 6:36-38 & John 8:53-59. What response did people have to Jesus in this passage?

Write down some of the responses you’ve had to Jesus in your life.

When you’re confronted with the truth of Christ are you more prone to trying divert attention to others, argue with Jesus or surrender to Him? Why is that?

How can you seek God’s glory over your own in your work and home today?

*Thank God today that you are free to respond to Him. Pray that as you are given the opportunity to obey God today that you’ll respond by surrendering to Him.*

### Friday

Read Psalm 18:30, John 8:36; Romans 8:15 & Galatians 4:7. What do these verses say about being a child of God, not a slave?

How does it comfort you to know that God wants you to be His child, not His slave?

Read Psalm 18:30, Isaiah 40:8, John 5:24 & John 8:37. What do learn about God’s Word in these verses?

What difference does it make when you make God’s Word a priority in your life?

*Thank God today for His love and His word. Pray that you will keep God’s Word as the priority in your life. Pray too that you will remember that you are God’s child.*

### Saturday

*Finish up any devotions you may have missed and review the memory verse for the week. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that Twin Lakes Church will be a beacon of light in Santa Cruz County. Thanks!*