

Please read Isaiah 40:8, John 5:24 & John 8:37. What do you learn about the importance of God's Word in these verses?

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

*Thank God today for His love and the Bible, His words to you. Pray that you grow deeper in love with Him and grow in your relationship. Pray that the words God has spoken to you in the Bible will take deep root in your heart.*

## Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and review this week's memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will use the speaker Dr. John Trent to encourage and grow our church. Pray that Hot Rods and Hot Dogs will be a great outreach event and provide good opportunities for fellowship. Thanks!

## Prayer Updates

### Joy & Blessings

Dan & Lindsey Johnson are blessed with a third son, **Miles Johnson**, born May 23.

### Hospitalized & Surgeries

Aleeta Zapata—RCU, breathing problems  
Alicia Vierra (age 8, Ronald McDonald House, Palo Alto)—recovering from facial reconstruction surgery  
Destinee File (age 16, Monte Vista Student)—leukemia treatment, Stanford  
Dewey Raburn—RCU, problem with his legs  
Duf Fischer—kidney cancer surgery  
Norma Moniodis—RCU, cancer complications  
Ray Johnson—possible dehydration  
Ron Wardle—critically ill

**Recent hospitalizations/surgeries:** Greg Lewis

### Home with the Lord

Keep Paul & Nelda Barton's niece, Kathy Smith, in prayer as she grieves the loss of her husband, **Dennis Smith**. The blessing is that he recently re-dedicated his life to the Lord and spent his last days sharing his joy with others.

### 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. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update:** [www.tlc.org/profiles](http://www.tlc.org/profiles)



**Free**

Mark Spurlock • July 5 & 6, 2008  
John 8:31-59

"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 him, "We are Abraham's descendants and 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*

In what way am I living like 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 8:39-41a*

"The only Father we have is God himself." 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 8:41b-42, 44*

What do my actions reveal about my \_\_\_\_\_ ?

#### 3. The truth about my \_\_\_\_\_.

Two ways people resist Jesus Christ:

• **Slander:** "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" *John 8:48*

• **Skepticism:** "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!**" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds." *John 8:58-59*

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

- Am I a \_\_\_\_\_ or a slave of sin?

Now 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 8:35-36*

- Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_ today?

"... you have no room for my word ... you are unable to hear what I say." *John 8:37b, 43b*

"He who belongs to God hears what God says." *John 8:47*

# Coming Soon

## July 11

### Faster Pastor

10 cars. 10 pastors. 1 winner!  
At the Ocean Speedway in  
Watsonville at 6pm.  
Admission is free!

## July 12 & 13

### Hot Rods & Hot Dogs

Vintage, custom, and classic vehicles  
on display during weekend services,  
and free hot dogs for everyone!

### Dr. John Trent

President of StrongFamilies.com and  
author of a dozen best-sellers.

## July 19 & 20

### Music Camp Kids in Concert

The Music and Drama Camp Kids  
will be performing in all weekend  
services!

### Dr. Ron Cline

Pastor, licensed marriage, family  
and child counselor, and host of  
a daily national radio show.

## August

Four week series by Pastor Mark  
Spurlock on the Book of Ruth,  
"Hope for Your Future"

## September

Love: The Heart of God's Plan

# Daily Meditations

## Monday

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

What stood out to you in last weekend's sermon? Why?

Write down one way you will apply what you learned.

*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 what it means to be truly free.*

## Tuesday

Please read John 8:33-34, Galatians 5:1-2 & 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 ways 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:

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*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 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

Please read John 8:39-44 & Galatians 5:22-26. What truth is being taught in these passages? How does this apply to your life?

Think about yesterday. What would you say the legacy of that 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 and leave the legacy you desire to leave:

- 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 those choices – for good or bad – will bear fruit for tomorrow. Ask God for the strength to make good, legacy building choices today.*

## Thursday

Please read John 6:36-38 & 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 that Jesus is Lord are you more prone to argue or surrender? Why is that?

How can you see God's glory over your own in your work and home today?

*Thank God today that He is God. Thank Him that He wants to have a relationship with you. Pray that as opportunities to surrender to His lordship come your way today you'll respond humbly to His leading.*

## Friday

Please read Psalm 18:30, John 8:36, Romans 8:15 & Galatians 4:7. What do these verses say about being a child of God?

How does it encourage you to know that God wants you to be His child and not His slave?



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John 8:32 (NIV)

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