



STUDY GUIDE

February 21, 2021

Message Series:

Jesus' Greatest Hits

Message Title:

Truth Will Set You Free

Teaching Pastor:

Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Share about a time when you were a child and lied but ended up telling the truth.

Were there any consequences? How did you feel? *OR*

Share a general rule you had in your household as a child that you hold fast to in your adulthood.

Pray:

Dear Lord, as we study Your teachings, we learn more about Your truth. Help us to pursue that truth in every area of our lives. We know we can approach You with confidence and learn what it means to *really* be Your disciples. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Get Started:

Read John 8:28-35.

- What things does Jesus say will be the result of holding to His teaching?
- Does anything else stand out to you within these verses?

“Jesus says to a whole audience of people who already believed, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.’ You are *really* my disciples. That word, ‘really,’ carries a lot of weight in this sentence. It changes the way we hear it, doesn’t it? If it just read, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are my disciples,’ that’d sound nice. But the addition of one little word seems to imply that there are people who are disciples, then there are people who are really disciples. People who think they are, and people who actually are.... Jesus says that you have to believe AND hold onto his teachings, to really be a disciple.” - Pastor Angie Frame

- Would Jesus consider you to “really” be a disciple? Why or why not?
- What is a situation in which “holding to a teaching of Jesus” played out in your life?

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time - 5 minutes)

- Share some of your experiences when you had to “hold on” to something. Pastor Angie Frame mentioned a few.

"Become strong so that you can hold onto Jesus' teachings. This may mean we do have to work through pain. As we dive into Jesus' teachings, we'll see things about ourselves that we need to change, and change is painful even when we know it's good for us. We'll find that we have ideas that we need to let go of and habits that we need to walk away from, character traits and spiritual routines, or practices, that we need to build. It takes strength to hold onto Jesus' teachings even while they're causing us to change who we've been, what we've thought, how we've behaved. But the more we do it, the more strength we build, the more of a disciple we become and the closer we get to truth and freedom." - Pastor Angie Frame

Read Genesis 32:22-32.

- Who was Jacob wrestling with and why does he ask this "man" to bless him?
- Do you think that in obtaining a blessing from God Jacob forced God to do something He never intended to do? Explain.
- Why does God have Jacob own his identity by asking him his "name" in the text? This will be the first time in the Bible Jacob answers this question truthfully and says that his name is "Jacob".

Reflect and Commit:

"If we will believe, read and listen to Jesus' teachings and keep his commands--even when we don't like them or fully understand them--if we'll do that over and over again, then we'll develop spiritual strength. We'll get to where we can hold onto them no matter what life throws our way. And we will become disciples. Then, we'll begin to grasp the truth and the freedom that we seek, that we need, that we can really only get from Jesus. Sure, there are lots of other options out there--other sources that claim to have the truth, other freedoms that can be made available to us. But all of that is temporary, fleeting. The only truth and freedoms that last are the ones Jesus offers." - Pastor Angie Frame

Read Galatians 5:1.

- What does freedom in Christ mean to you? Do you feel like you have that freedom in your own life?

Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for the freedom available in Christ. Help us to be free from anything that entangles us. Shine Your light on our lives so that we can walk in truth. We need to remain in You, so we ask for Your guidance as we internalize and live out Your Word. Others have shared their faith with us and now we can go and do the same. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.