

## Choose Freedom!

John 8: 31-36

## "I Chose Freedom"



## In the beginning...

### Freedom to

- Rule the earth (Genesis 1: 26-28)
- Be creative (Genesis 2: 15)
- Enjoy fulfilling relationships (Genesis 2: 19-24)
- Be ourselves without fear or shame (Genesis 2: 25)
- Realise our destiny

## Freedom with boundaries

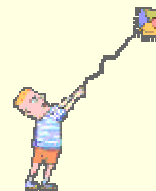
- ***Don't explore good and EVIL!***



## Freedom *from* boundaries??



## Freedom from boundaries??



***"In those days, Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit"***

*Judges 21: 25*

## Freedom without God? The alternatives that rule us.....

- Other people and what they think of us
- Possessions and money
- Morality and religion
- Addictions – alcohol, tobacco, gambling, casual sex, pornography, internet games, TV, food..... etc etc.



Jesus replied,



**I tell you the truth,  
“Everyone who sins  
is a slave to sin”**

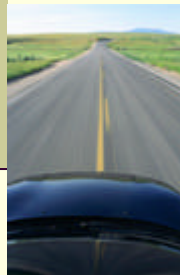
(John 8: 34)

## 3 key words

- **Discipleship**
- **Truth**
- **Freedom**

## Discipleship AND Freedom??

- It's what we were designed for



*The freedom of the  
“open road”*

## Discipleship AND Freedom??

- We're able to make a choice

## Discipleship AND Freedom??



We're liberated from

- Fear
- Guilt
- Condemnation



## Discipleship AND Freedom??

- The dynamic is relationship, not rules



## “I Chose Freedom”

..... To do whatever I like????



*“God has rescued us  
from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us  
into the kingdom  
of the Son he loves”*

Colossians 1: 13

3 things to do before you leave church  
this morning.....

1. **Recognise** the poisons in your life for what they are
2. **Affirm** that God's way is genuinely the best
3. **Choose** to put yourself under the authority of Jesus Christ