

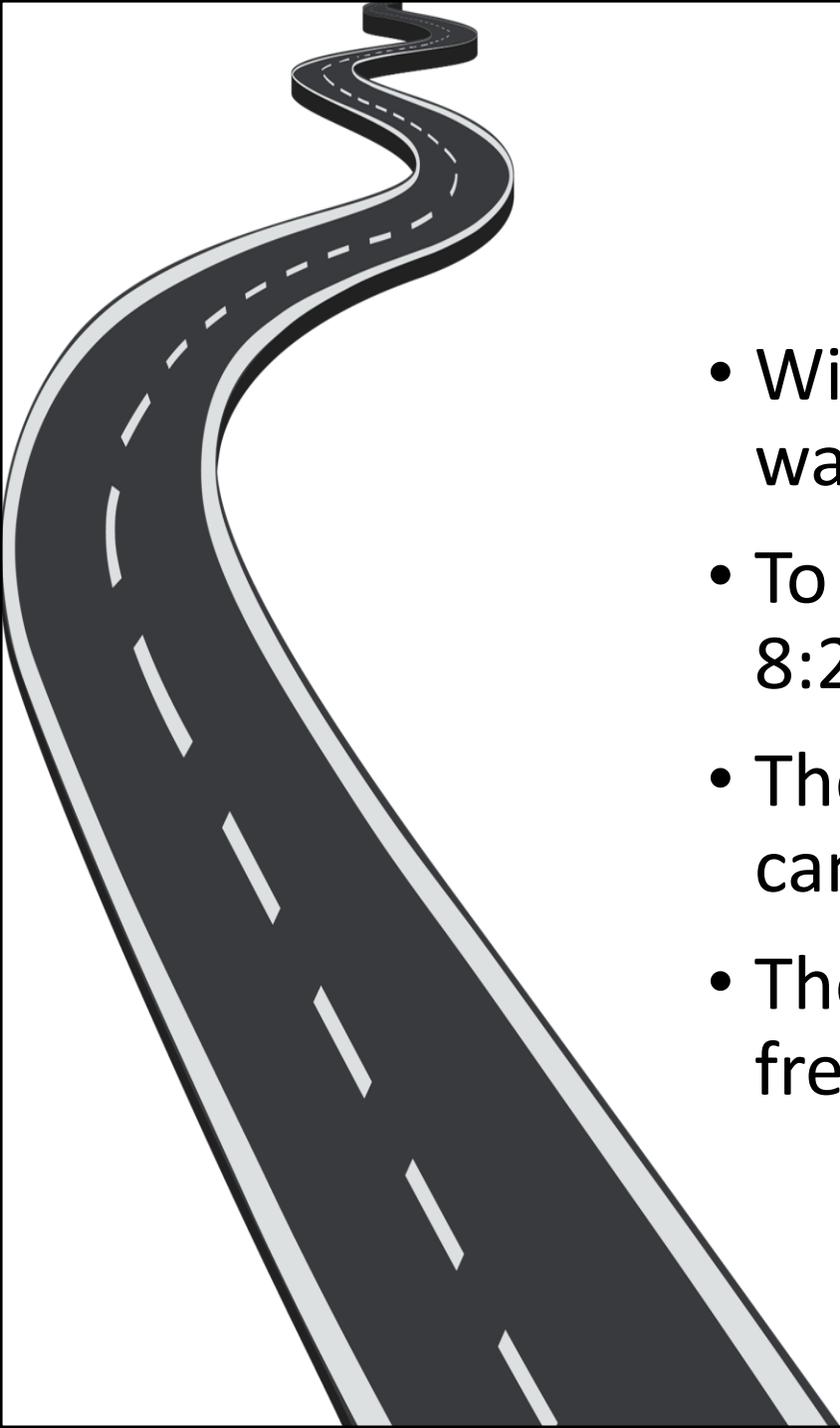
Sin and Slavery, Freedom and the Son

John 8:31-36



Sin and Slavery

- The Jew's most fundamental need—**freedom** – 8:31-32
- They denied their slavery – 8:33
- Jesus responds and gets right to the heart of the matter – 8:34
 - Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin
 - We know Jesus' words to be true!
- Jesus spoke to slaves—those in sin who, consequently, could not affect their own release



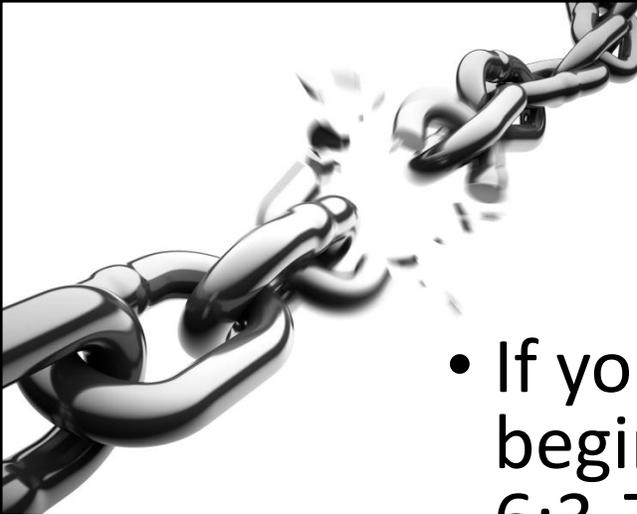
The Road to Freedom

- With the acknowledgement of slavery came God's way to freedom – 8:31-32; 1:14
- To enter that road one must **believe** in Jesus – Jn. 8:24; Rom. 10:17
- The next step is to **continue** in Christ's word so one can become a disciple.
- The third step is to **know the truth** that makes you free! – Jn. 16:12-14; Rom. 6:17-18; 1 Pet. 1:22

Freedom and the Son



- When God's Son makes you free, you are free indeed – Jn. 8:35-36
- Jesus presents a parable of a slave versus a son.
 - Slaves have no claim to a permanent position.
 - The Son, however, remains forever in the house!
- Because Jesus is God's Son, he has the power to set slaves free.
 - No one on earth has that authority, including yourself – Rom. 6:20-21; Rom. 5:6-8
 - Thanks be to God that through the work of Jesus, **the Son**, we can be free from sin – Rom. 8:1



Conclusion

- If you are a slave to sin, Jesus says your journey to freedom begins with faith in Him and obedience in baptism – Rom. 6:3-7; Col. 2:12-13
- If you are a Christian again enslaved in sin, God offers you grace and forgiveness through repentance, prayer, and returning to Him.
- Choose freedom in the Son today!
 - Leave slavery and submit to Christ and receive freedom from sin and gain hope of eternal life!
 - Will you come to Jesus today?