



Who You Say I Am *Day 2: Verse 2*

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Scripture Reference

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to 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: 34–36*



We start today with a challenging fact according to our scripture: everyone who sins is a slave to sin. There's no middle ground in that statement – no “small” sin that didn't leave us a slave; no person who can avoid that slavery when they sin. And this statement comes directly from Jesus himself. He wants us to understand the gravity of our sinning.

Do you recognize you were once a slave to your sin? What sins in your life do you think are maybe “smaller” than other people's sins? Start this session by confessing your sins to your Heavenly Father now.

Do not be discouraged by the sins you just confessed. Instead, look to our scripture that tells us the Son sets us free. Even while you were a slave to sin, if you believe in Jesus, He sets you free. Through His death on the cross, He ransomed each of us who believe. His grace for you runs deep. You will be free indeed. Oh, isn't that such an encouraging promise from our Savior himself?

Do you recognize your bondage - your slavery - has been broken? How are you living in ways that may not exhibit this truth? What changes do you need to make in your mind and your mindset that better exhibit the freedom you are living in. Ask the Holy Spirit to continually remind you the freedom you have in Christ. Thank your Savior for that freedom.



This scripture points to such a beautiful truth that aligns with our song this week. Jesus himself tells us that a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs forever. For those of us with happy childhoods, we tend to transition into adulthood knowing our family will forever be by our side. We can take comfort in knowing family sticks with us through thick and thin. Jesus tells us the same thing about His family. As His chosen one, dear one, you have a forever place in His family. You belong with Him forever.

What challenges or seasons in your life have you leaned on your family to help you through so far? Recall what a comfort having family has been in your life. You are a part of Jesus' family on both sides of Heaven – on this earth now and in eternity when we rejoin Him. Praise Him today for providing you a family that resembles His family.

Most of us with happy childhoods probably grew up knowing our parents would do just about anything for us, at least when it came to the truly important things in life. Maybe you even know that your parents would have died for you if the sacrifice was required. The beautiful truth of the Gospel and our song – Jesus gave that sacrifice because it was required. Our sins required it, and He freely gave it. He loves you that much.

End today in prayer with your Heavenly Father. Thank Him for all the love He has given you through your parents and through His Son. Thank Him for loving you enough to give the ultimate sacrifice – His life. Praise Him for His love and His grace.
