



Lesson 47 (1 Samuel 20:16-34): A clear Answer

Read John 8:34-36. What are aspects you think of when you think of a slave?

How is that picture like our lives when we are still obey the desires of our flesh?

How does Jesus tell us that we can be free?

Can we will ourselves to be free from sin?

Consider how you have tried to free yourself from sin in the past. Have you made a resolution to stop a certain behavior?

How did you do at stopping that behavior? Were you successful? Why or why not?

Read Romans 6:16-19. According to your behavior, according to what you spend the most time doing or thinking about or focused on as a goal, what are you a slave to?

Where does verse 17 tell us our obedience has to start? When we have been set free from sin, what do we become slaves to then?

Is this trading one harsh master for another? Why or why not?

Read Romans 6:20-23. What is the fruit that comes from sin? What is the fruit that comes when becoming a slave to God?

Which sounds better to you?

Now, consider your life, consider what your heart shows in your actions. Which fruit are you living for?

What do we “earn” with our sin?

What can we earn with God? (That’s a trick question...look at verse 23.)

Read Romans 7:14-25. Paul is describing the ongoing battle between flesh and spirit that Christians deal with. Does this sound familiar to you?

What sin in your life falls into this pattern, where you hate the sin but can’t seem to stop doing it? Just a word of encouragement here: someone who was not saved would not be bothered by the sin in their life. (Romans 3:10-18.)

Read Romans 8:1-17. How is the righteous requirement of the law fulfilled in us? What does it mean to set your mind on the Spirit? What is the opposite of setting your mind on the Spirit?

What kind of a Spirit have we been given? What must we do in order to be glorified with Christ?

Does this sound like an easy road? Why is this the road you would still want to choose?

Read Ephesians 1:11-14. According to these verses, God works all things according to what? Does that suggest that God is seeking my counsel?

Read Job 42:1-6. Who can do all things? Is man mentioned as having any ability or contribution in that? W

hat is Job’s conclusion in verse 6 that he needs to do? What should that tell us about where our perspective needs to be?

As you come to God today, ask Him to show you where you are still holding on to your own agenda. Ask Him to show you where you are offering Him counsel. Then repent of your pride and ask Him to purify your heart and help you to seek His will, minute by minute of every single day, and to draw you nearer to Him daily as well.