

THE MIGHT OF THE LIGHT

He That Follows Me

- I. **John 8:32-Your response to the truth will determine whether or not you get swallowed up by darkness or walk in victory; The way to keep from being swallowed up in darkness is you say yes to the truth and follow Jesus**
 - A. 12-If you'll follow Jesus you won't be swallowed up in darkness, but you'll walk in the truth and walk in the light
 1. **Not he who understands everything, but he who follows me**
 - a. **Can you follow the truth and not understand all of it or get it? You can follow the truth whole hog no matter what**
 - b. I don't have to understand it all or get it all I have to follow him
 - 1) If he says I'm healed I am, if he says to sow my paycheck then I do it, I follow him
 - c. **Yes is the only proper response to the truth and it'll keep you from being deceived and in darkness**
 2. Follow means he says something and you agree and he says something and you yield
 - a. If you did this you wouldn't be deceived and in the dark and bound, but you'd be in the light, in the truth and free
 - b. You walk in darkness when you start agreeing with the enemy and believing his lies
 3. 13-They are not following him
 - a. They are calling the truth a lie and saying that the truth is not true; They are telling the truth that the truth is not the truth
 - b. They are deceived because they believe that the truth is a lie
 - B. 15-They judge truth based on what they see and feel and understand and that's a quick way to be deceived; They are judging what's true based on their senses and carnal nature; what they think and feel is true
 1. 16-Jesus is basing truth off what the Father says is truth and right
 2. Jesus isn't determining what's truth; the father tells him what's true and he agrees
 3. **19,22,27-Their big problem is their trying to understand when they should just be agreeing and saying yes**
 - C. 21-Sins-They are in error and have wandered from the path of righteousness and they are off and believe they are right
 1. 24-If you don't believe the truth you'll die in your error and deception and your deception will be your destruction
 2. 26-Jesus says I'm speaking the truth

- D. 32-If you stick with his words and his teachings and not leave you'll begin to see the truth and the truth will make free
1. Why is he talking about continuing and remaining in his word? There's going to be some truth you don't get and you don't understand and you don't see it all, and it might be unflattering to you and might put pressure on your flesh and be uncomfortable for you flesh and you're going to be tempted leave it, to let go of it; But if you'll stick with his words (which is the truth) at times like these it won't be long before you'll see the truth and the truth will make you free
 - a. But before there's freedom and before there's seeing the truth there's a time when you're not free and don't see and when you don't see you have to stay with the truth
 2. **Something is happening to cause that liberation and that freedom and it's you perceiving, seeing, receiving and believing the truth**
 - a. **Do you know, have you seen, are you walking in all the truth that there is to see and know? No. Then you are not as free as you can be**
- E. Always say yes to the truth
1. **They are resisting what they should be yielding to and yielding to what they should be resisting**
 - a. 33-They don't need to be asking this and this is not how you respond to the truth
 - b. 39-They should have said yes to verse 38, but instead they say this
 - c. 41-They should have said yes, but instead they said this
 2. **Matthew 15:22-Always say yes to the truth**
 - a. 22-23-When he didn't answer her she continued with him (the truth)
 - b. 26-When he called her a dog she said that's the truth
 - c. She doesn't understand it all, she just says yes to the truth
 - d. 28-She got free
- F. *37-We have to make room for the truth, yield to it, give place to it and give it an entrance into our mind and heart
1. They are closing their eyes to the truth, their ears to the truth and hardening their heart to the truth and that's why it's finding no entrance
 - a. His word, the truth has no place in them – They are rejecting the truth
 - b. **Place**-Make room, give place, yield, have space or room for receiving or holding something
 2. When the truth has no place in you (has no entrance), you're going to be easily deceived and led astray
 - a. Because the truth has found no place in them the deceiver is leading them around with lies trying to get them to kill Jesus
 3. **Does the truth have place in you, in your life? Will you let it enter?**

- a. **For the truth to have place in you, you have to make room for it, give it place, yield to it and receive it**
- G. There response to the truth was wrong; they are questioning it, challenging it and the truth is finding no place in them, it has no entrance
 - 1. 32-33-The truth said you need to be made free and they said no we don't
 - 2. 38-Jesus said, "You do that which have seen with your father," they said, "Abraham is our father," and Jesus said, "No he's not," they said, "God's our father," Jesus said, "No he's not."
 - 3. 49,52-They said to Jesus, "You have a devil," Jesus said, "I don't have a devil," and they said, "Now we know you have a devil."
 - 4. 51-52-Jesus said, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death," and they said, "That's a lie."
 - 5. 56-Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day," and they said, "That couldn't be."
 - 6. **The truth kept coming, kept coming, kept coming and it was finding no place in them and as a result they end up swallowed up by darkness**
 - a. **Their problem is they won't acknowledge and accept and receive the truth**
- H. They apparently don't want the truth; they like what they think and what they believe more than they love the truth
 - 1. 40,45-Jesus is telling them the truth and they don't want it and they don't want it to be the truth; They don't want it to be the truth because if it is the truth then they are wrong and have been wrong and they don't like that and they don't want to change
 - 2. **The proud and unrepentant will have the hardest time with the truth**
 - a. **Pride**-They don't want to look bad --- **Unrepentant**-They don't want to change
- I. *It's not that they didn't hear the truth, they heard it and rejected it
 - 1. 40-Jesus told them the truth and they wanted to kill him
 - a. **The truth is confrontational and exposes and that can stir people up; they're not mad at Jesus they're mad that the truth is the truth**
 - b. **Galatians 4:16-The truth being manifested can make people down right indignant because in their heart they don't want that to be the truth, but also in the heart they don't want to change**
 - 2. 46-He's telling them the truth and what are they doing with it? They are completely rejecting the truth so they are going to stay blind and they are going to stay bound and be swallowed up in darkness
 - a. Jesus was preaching to these people in John 8 and the truth is standing in front of them and they are seeing light and life and truth manifested in the flesh and the words coming out of his mouth are straight from the throne and they'd never hear anything more true in their life and

they rejected it and said no we're not having it that way and the result was them being swallowed up in darkness, bound

J. John 6:48

1. 60-They said this is a hard saying – Offensive, intolerable, harsh, stiff, rough
 - a. This truth was offensive and intolerable to them and the big question is how will you respond to the truth when it's hard to you; how will you respond to the truth when it doesn't look true to your senses and your feelings and your flesh
2. 66-Many who once followed him when they heard this left the truth and didn't receive the truth because it was hard to them
3. 68-Certainly they didn't understand all of this but they knew this one thing he has the words of truth and they stuck with the truth