

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 8:

Hearing God's Voice Over Personal Desires



Scripture

- **John 8:23-24, 28-34**

And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins. ²⁸So, Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him. As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

³¹If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.”

Other Scriptures

- Hebrews 5:14; 11:9-10
- John 15:19
- John 8:13-14; 10:20; 18:37
- John 5:30
- I John 4:17
- Ephesians 1:19
- Numbers 6:22-27
- Deuteronomy 31:6
- Genesis 5:24
- Hebrews 11:5
- Psalm 19:14
- Hebrews 11:3
- Matthew 13 3-8
- John 6:26

Main Points

- Are you willing to be rejected by the world for standing for the truth?
- Do you have the confidence to know that God is with you?

Discussion Questions

1. What can we expect when we receive the truth from “above”?
2. When Jesus spoke the truth, from whom did He receive it?
3. Write about the impulses of the flesh and the impulses of the Spirit. What do you think are some impulses you need to ask God’s help with? Is it easy to decipher between those from the Spirit and those from the flesh? How do you do it?
4. Tell about the various groups that heard Jesus and how they responded. In which group do you fall?
5. What are the rewards of each group? What would be a chief requirement to go deeper and more intimate with Him? What would this kind of following after look like in our world today?