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John 8:31-47 | Family Resemblance: Does Your Life Match Your Faith?

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## Discussion Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Reflecting on **John 8:34**, where Jesus declares, “Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin,” discuss the concept of spiritual freedom in Christ. How does understanding our freedom from sin’s penalty, power, and presence affect our daily lives and decisions?

2. In **John 8:37-39**, Jesus challenges the Jews’ claim to Abraham as their father, suggesting that spiritual heritage is defined by our actions and faith rather than physical lineage. How can we apply this distinction to our own understanding of spiritual identity today?

3. Jesus did not shy away from confronting the Jews with hard truths about their spiritual condition in **John 8:44-47**. How should we balance truth-telling and love in our interactions with both believers and non-believers? What role does courage play in speaking the truth about sin and salvation?