



Who Am I?

"I Am a Slave of Christ"

John 8:31-34, Exodus 1:15-22

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CONSULT THE SCRIPTURES

John 8:31-34 "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never 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 practices sin is a slave to sin."

Exodus 1:15-22 "Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and let the male children live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.'"

(See also Philippians 2:1-11, Matt. 25:14-30)

DISCUSS

1. As citizens of a free country, and one so closely touched by the issue of slavery, how would you define both freedom and slavery?
2. Tanner suggested that our cultural understanding of both freedom and slavery have clouded our understanding of biblical servitude. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-11. How does this inform our understanding of true servitude? How is this different than our experiences culturally?
4. If being a slave of Christ is a matter of being as opposed to doing (i.e. identity), how would this impact our lives (e.g. as employees, parents, spouses, friends, etc...)?
5. How is volunteerism different than servitude?
6. What immediate applications can be made in light of this text?
7. As a group, pray for Tanner, Gayle and the kids as they continue to walk out the call to plant a church in La Grande, OR over the course of the next 12-18 months.

Notes: